**Religious, Cultural & Ethnic Holidays & Days of Observance**

**July 2020**

This handout is to call your attention to just some of the many nationally and internationally recognized and/or celebrated diverse days of observance and religious/ethnic holidays that fall within the month of July 2020. We invite you to share it with the students, staff, and faculty you work with across campus. For more information, feel free to visit the Multicultural Resource Calendar located on the Campus Life’s Mosaic Center website: <http://www.diversityresources.com/aa_gsr/index.php?key=adCaO2Shix6u>

Thank you,

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**July 1 – Canada Day:** a Canadian federal holiday that celebrates the 1867 enactment of the Constitution Act, which established the three former British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as a united nation called Canada.

**July 5 – Asalha Puja:** or Dharma Day, is a celebration of Buddha’s first teachings.

**July 9 – The Martyrdom of the Bab:** a day when Bahá’ís observe the anniversary of the Báb’s execution in Tabriz, Iran, in 1850.

**July 11 – St. Benedict Day:** the feast day of St. Benedict celebrated by Roman Catholics

**July 14 – Bastille Day:** commemorates the start of the French Revolution in 1789 and the eventual end of monarchical rule

**July 15 – St. Vladimir of the Great Day:** feast day for St. Vladimir celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches.

**July 18 – Nelson Mandela Day:** an annual international day in honor of Nelson Mandela, celebrated on Mandela's birthday. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009.

**July 24 – Pioneer Day:** observed by Mormons to commemorate the arrival in 1847 of the first Latter Day Saints pioneer in Salt Lake Valley.

**July 25 – St. James the Greater Day:** feast day for St. James the Greater celebrated by Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran and certain Protestant churches.

**July 28 – The Hajj:** annual pilgrimage to the Saudi holy city of Mecca, able Muslims must make the journey at least once in their lives

**July 29-30 –** **Tisha B'Av:** a fast in commemoration of the destruction of two holy and sacred temples of Judaism destroyed by the Babylonians (in 586 B.C.E) and Romans (in 70 C.E.)

**July 30-31–** **Eid al-Adha:** an Islamic festival to commemorate the willingness of Ibrahim to follow Allah's command to sacrifice his son, Ishmael.