Emancipation Day
August 1st

Emancipation Day falls on August 1st every year and it commemorates the passage of the Slavery Abolition Act in 1834 and liberation of enslaved Black people in Canada and all other British colonies.

Several nations recognize the day as a pivotal moment in their history. Celebrations of Emancipation Day include parades through main streets, cultural performances, church services and speeches.

The commemorations also serve as a platform to examine the legacy and impacts of slavery and racial discrimination in Canada.

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