Filipino Heritage Month 2025



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The 2025 Filipino Heritage Month theme is Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. Source

Community Events

- <u>Pinoy Fiesta & Trade Show Toronto</u> | June 7 & 8, 2025, Albert Campbell Square, 150
 Borough Dr (behind Scarborough Town Centre Mall) **FREE Admission!
- Canada Fiesta Extravaganza (cut and paste link into browser)
 fiestaextravaganza.com A celebration of Filipino Heritage and Culture in Ontario and across Canada (Toronto, June 28- 29, 2025)

Origin of Filipino Heritage Month

The City of Toronto celebrated its first Filipino Heritage Month in 2018. This initiative began with a petition by Paulina Corpuz, a community leader based in Toronto and the President of the Philippine Advancement Through Arts and Culture (PATAC).

- Corpuz was inspired by Black History Month and sought to create a similar observance for Filipino-Canadians. <u>Source</u>
- Alberta became the first province to officially recognize Filipino Heritage Month in 2018.
- Later that year, on October 30, the House of Commons passed Motion-155, designating June as Filipino Heritage Month across Canada. <u>Source</u>
- Ontario followed suit, proclaiming June as Filipino Heritage Month on May 20, 2021.
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Did you know?

- June 12 is Philippine Independence Day
- The Filipino population in Canada has experienced significant growth, with over 900,000 people identifying as Filipino in 2021. <u>Source</u>
- Filipinos-Canadians have made positive and meaningful contributions to Canada and are recognized experts in nursing and health care. <u>Source</u>

Explore Filipino Arts and Culture

- Filipino Canadians share stories behind their unique names | CBC News
- Filipino Canadians | The Canadian Encyclopedia
- It's Filipino Heritage Month. Here's how these entrepreneurs are infusing their culture into their businesses CBC News
- <u>Filipino-Canadian author celebrates language and culture with new children's book</u> CBC News, Indigo

Healthy Team

At Holland Bloorview, we recognize that empowering and elevating diversity is critical to fostering a healthy team. Creating a sense of well-being and belonging for all employees, volunteers, and students is an important part of this work. We're doing this by supporting the formation of employee resource groups (ERGS) or interest groups.

The IDEAA office has a <u>toolkit</u> with instructions for staff members who want to form a resource group and can assist ERG leads with administrative support for activities. Discretionary funds are available if any ERGS would like to organize an official learning event for their members and the organization.

This resource was developed by the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility and Anti-Racism Office (IDEAA). If you have any comments or would like to suggest additional resources, please e-mail ideaa@hollandbloorview.ca



