

OCTOBER 11

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

- ❖ Aims to highlight and address the unique needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.
- ❖ Celebrates the inclusion of girls' rights as a distinct cohort in research, policy and development plans.
- ❖ Calls for a world where every girl can realize all her rights, such as to live free from violence, to attend and complete school, to choose when and whom she marries, and to earn equal pay for equal work.



Up until recently international law and global development plans did not consider the nature of the added disadvantage girls face in realizing their human rights, so Day of the Girl marks this important inclusion in human rights history.

Thanks to the initiative of the Status of Women and other Canadian groups, the proposal for the Day was unanimously supported by the Canadian government, who then took it to the United Nations for adoption in 2011.

OCTOBER IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH:

A time to learn about, and celebrate, the contributions and accomplishments of Canadian women