# **National Indigenous Languages Day - March 31**



## Métis Significance

A day in Canada to celebrate and honour Indigenous languages. The decade from 2022 to 2032 is also designated as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages to increase the use of Indigenous languages worldwide.

Michif is the language of the Métis people. It was once spoken all across the homeland. Still, like most Indigenous languages, the number of Michif speakers declined due to the colonization process that attempted to stamp out the use of languages other than English and French in Canada. Thankfully, efforts are now underway to preserve the Michif language and introduce it to Métis youth and a new generation of speakers. As part of that effort, the Métis Nation of Ontario has created online Michif resources that are available for anyone wanting to learn.

#### **Recommended Resources for Elementary Schools**

Title	Author	Grade	Where to buy
Language Learning Resources	Métis Nation of Ontario	K-12	<u>Language</u> <u>Learning</u> <u>Resources</u>
Ontario Michif Workbook	Métis Nation of Ontario	All	<u>Michif</u> <u>Workbook</u>
Lgro Pawrti - Michif Storybook	Métis Nation of Ontario	Grade 1-4	MNO - Link
Caring is the Universal Language	Warner, J	K-3	MNO -Link







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Title	Author	Grade	Where to buy
Alphabet Michif	Métis Nation of Ontario	Grade 1-8	MNO - Link

### **Recommended Resources for Secondary Schools**

Title	Author	Grade/Subject	Where to buy
Ontario Michif Workbook	Métis Nation of Ontario	All	<u>Michif</u> <u>Workbook</u>

#### Recommended Websites or Videos for Research and Information

	Appropriate For
Who are the Métis? - Metis Nation of Ontario Who are the Metis?	Teacher / Secondary





