



Hi! I'm Kai, the Project RACE mascot, and I'm going to tell you all you need to know about this special week.

June 7 to June 14 each year is

MULTIRACIAL HERITAGE WEEK

Project RACE began this special week to celebrate all that it means to be biracial or multiracial. We received Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition in 2021, 2022 and now in 2023. It's a big deal!

We have parties and other celebrations across the country. You can have a get-together, take pictures, and send them to us for a follow-up report. You can get crazy or be very serious.

Come along with me and I'll show you how we roll!

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Check Your Race, Please

We began our work for Multiracial individuals in 1990.

You can see more about what we've done in the *Accomplishments* slide. We've been very busy for over 30 years so that when you or anyone else sees "Check Your Race" on school, medical, census forms and more, you can check as many races as you want, or check "Multiracial" if it's available as a category.

In the old days, they let us check only one box and made us choose to be only one race. Those days are over!



The U S Census tracks the population every ten years. Because of Project RACE's advocacy efforts, they started counting Multiracial individuals in the year 2000. In 2010, they showed Multiracial individuals were 2.9 percent of the United States population. Everyone thought there would be an increase in 2020.

We came out at 10.2 percent of the population.

That's a 276% INCREASE. Wow!

Classification Rights for Multiracial Individuals



I Have The Right To

- Choose to be classified as I want, not as someone else's definition of me.
- Specify that I am either one race alone or in two or more combinations.
- File complaints where I see outdated forms being used.
- Utilize Project RACE for help in seeing that Multiracial individuals may self-identify.
- Educate people about these classification rights.
- Check a stand-alone Multiracial box.
- Define Multiracial as individuals that identify as two or more races.
- Join the movement at the state or national level to mandate a Multiracial classification on all forms that require racial identity.

Accomplishments



We have testified before Congressional Subcommittees five times at their request.

We have worked with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Census Bureau, and other governmental agencies to have forms accommodate Multiracial individuals.

We worked with 14 states to add a Multiracial classification to forms. We hold bone marrow donor drives for Multiracial children with blood diseases.

We also advocate for cord blood storage.

We introduced and established Multiracial Heritage Week. We publish a popular blog to keep people aware of the status of the Multiracial population.

We have consulted on films and documentaries produced about Multiracial individuals.

We worked for many years to pass Assembly Bill 532 in California that makes it mandatory for every state agency, including schools, to add a multiracial classification with the ability to choose more than one race. The Governor signed it in 2015, and it became law on January 1, 2022.

We worked very hard to get Congressional Certificates of Special Recognition in 2021 and 2022.



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Ways You Can Help

Join Project RACE at our website: www.projectrace.com We have divisions for general interest, Kids, Teens, and Grandparents.

Contact your school or your children's schools and make sure the classification is correct.

Ask to see the racial classifications on your medical forms.

Start or join an Employee Resource Group (ERG) at your workplace.

Contact our partners [Be The Match](http://bethematch.org/support-the-cause/donate-cord-blood/) to learn about becoming a blood donor for a Multiracial person with a blood disease. You can save a life! If you are pregnant, or know someone who is, get cord blood information from them, too!
<https://bethematch.org/support-the-cause/donate-cord-blood/>

Join Mixed Googlers, one of our partners. The Mixed Googlers ERG is a dedicated community for mixed race and mixed ethnicity Googlers and allies. Mixed Googlers hold fun socials, interesting talks on important topics, and share helpful resources.



The National Advocates
for
The Multiracial Community

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THANK YOU!

See you next time