



Social Media and Event Calendar

This is a living document that can grow and evolve over time. It is not meant to be all-inclusive but rather as a frame to start a conversation in your local about recognizing and celebrating women's history and significant social justice events.

JANUARY

Jan. 5, 1925 – Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as the first woman Governor in U.S. history (Governor of Wyoming).

Jan. 9 – Anniversary of the passing of **Dr. Bernice Sandler, the "Godmother of Title IX"**.

Jan. 22, 1973 – **Roe v. Wade** is decided by the Supreme Court, affirming the constitutional right of women to access safe, legal abortions.

Jan. 24 – #EducationDay

Jan. 27 – World Holocaust Remembrance Day.

FEBRUARY

February 1864 - **Kate Mullany**,* an early female labor leader who started the **all-women Collar Laundry Union in Troy, New York**. *See additional details under "Facts and Figures"

Feb. 1, 1978 – First postage stamp to honor a black woman, Harriet Tubman, is issued in Washington, D.C.

Feb. 4, 1921 – Birthday of Betty Friedan (1921–2006). With her book *The Feminine Mystique* (1963), she broke ground exploring the idea of women finding personal fulfillment outside of their traditional roles. She helped advance the women's rights movement as one of the founders of the **National Organization for Women (NOW)**.

Feb. 11 – International Day of Women and Girls in Science - the purpose of the day is to achieve full and equal access to and

participation in science for girls and women. **#WomenInScience Day**

Feb. 15, 1820 – Birthday of Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906), Anthony was an American social reformer and women's rights activist who played a pivotal role in the women's suffrage movement. In 1856, she became the New York State agent for the American Anti-Slavery Society.

Feb. 18, 1890 – **The National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA)**, an organization formed to advocate in favor of women's suffrage in the United States, was created by the merger of two existing organizations, the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) and the American Woman Suffrage Association (AWSA). It played a pivotal role in passing the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which, in 1920, guaranteed women's right to vote.

Feb. 18, 1931 – **Birthday of Toni Morrison** (1931–2019), "**Toni**" Morrison (born **Chloe Ardelia Wofford**; Feb. 18, 1931 – Aug. 5, 2019) was an American novelist, essayist, editor, teacher, and professor emeritus at Princeton University. Her first novel, *The Bluest Eye*, was published in 1970. The critically acclaimed *Song of Solomon* (1977) brought her national attention and won the National Book Critics Circle Award. In 1988, she won the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award for *Beloved* (1987).

Feb. 21, 1936 – **Birthday of Barbara Charline Jordan** (1936–1996), an American lawyer, educator and politician who was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. A Democrat, she was the first African American elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction, and the first southern African–American woman elected to the United States House of Representatives.

MARCH

March 1, 1987 – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women's History Month.

March 3, 1913 – The woman suffrage parade of 1913, officially the Woman Suffrage Procession, was the first suffragist parade in Washington, D.C. Organized by the suffragist Alice Paul for the National American Woman Suffrage Association, thousands of suffragists marched down Pennsylvania Avenue.

March 7 – Read Across America Day

March 8 – International Women's Day, whose origins trace back to protests in the

U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights of working women.

March 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

March 24, 1974 –The Coalition of Labor Union Women, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of trade union women affiliated with the AFL–CIO, was founded on this day by Gloria Steinem. CLUW is a bridging organization that seeks to create connections between the feminist movement and the labor movement in the United States.

March 25, 1911 – The Triangle Shirtwaist Company sweatshop fire occurred in New York City. After 146 individuals, mostly young immigrant women, died in the blaze it touched off a national movement in the United States for safer working conditions. The disaster led to the creation of health and safety legislation, including factory fire codes and child–labor laws, and helped shape future labor laws.

March 31, 2020 - **Equal Pay Day (Caucasian)**,** — the symbolic day dedicated to raising awareness of the gender pay gap. In the U.S., this date symbolizes how far into the year women must work in order

to earn what men earned in the previous year. The exact day differs year by year. (See additional days listed below)

**** The wage gap is even greater for women of color.**



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APRIL

April 2 – World Autism Awareness Day

April 17 – Equal Pay Day is the approximate day the typical woman must work into the New Year to equal what the typical man earned at the end of the previous year. The gap is far wider for women of color as compared to white, non-Hispanic men, and among mothers as compared to fathers.

April 22, 2020 – Administrative Professionals Day

April – **International Girls in ICT Day**, an initiative backed by all ITU Member States in ITU Plenipotentiary Resolution 70 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), aims to encourage and empower girls and young women to consider studies and careers in the growing field of ICTs, enabling both girls and technology companies to reap the benefits of greater female participation in the ICT sector. International Girls in ICT Day is celebrated

every year on the fourth Thursday of April and will next be observed on **April 23, 2020**.

April 25 – Take Your Child to Work Day (April 28, 1993) – First “Take Our Daughters to Work” Day, sponsored by the Ms. Foundation, occurred. In 2003 it was changed to “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work” Day.

April 28 – Workers’ Memorial Day

MAY

May 6 – National Nurses Day

May 4 to May 8, 2020 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7 – National Teachers Day

May 9 – National School Nurse Day

May 15, 1869 – The National Woman Suffrage Association was founded by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The group’s goal was to achieve the vote through a Congressional amendment, and address other women’s rights issues.

May 15, 1970 – Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington officially receive their ranks as U.S. Army Generals, becoming the first women to do so.

May 15, 1837 – The birthday of Madeleine Jana Korbel Albricht, the first female United

States Secretary of State in U.S. history. She served from 1997 to 2001 under President Bill Clinton.

May 20–21, 1932 – Amelia Earhart made the first transatlantic solo flight by a woman.

May 29, 1943 – “Rosie the Riveter” by Norman Rockwell appears on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post*.

JUNE

June 10, 1963 – The Equal Pay Act was passed. The act amended the Fair Labor Standards Act and aimed to abolish gender-based wage disparity.

June 16, 1963 – Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to travel into space in the spacecraft Vostok 6, which completed 48 orbits in 71 hours. She was later named a Hero of the Soviet Union and was twice awarded the Order of Lenin. Two decades later, in **June 1983**, **Sally Ride** became the first United States woman launched into space aboard the shuttle *Challenger* in June 1983.

June 23, 1972 – Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was signed by President Nixon, one of the most important legislation initiatives passed for women and girls since women won the vote in 1920. The legislation guaranteed equal access and opportunity for female and male students in nearly all aspects of the U.S. education system.

June 30, 1966 – The **National Organization for Women (NOW)** is founded. The group was organized in June by 28 women at the Third National Conference of Commissions on the Status of Women (the successor to the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women).

June 30 – (Equal Rights Amendment) The ERA is passed by Congress in 1972 but fell three states short of the 38 needed for ratification by a June 30, 1982, deadline. The amendment states that “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”



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JULY

July 2, 1964 – President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act, a landmark U.S. civil rights and labor law that outlaws discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. It also prohibits unequal application of voter registration requirements, racial segregation in schools, employment and public accommodations.

July 7, 1981 – President Ronald Reagan nominates Sandra Day O'Connor as the first female Supreme Court Justice.

July 12, 1972 – Shirley Chisholm receives enough votes at the Democratic Convention, becomes the first black candidate for president of the United States.

July 17, 1862 – **Ida Bell Wells** (July 16, 1862 – March 25, 1931), better known as **Ida B. Wells**, was an African-American journalist, abolitionist, an accomplished suffragist and feminist who led an anti-lynching crusade in the United States in the 1890s. She went on to found and become integral in groups striving for African-American justice.

July 18 – #MandelaDay #NelsonMandelaDay **Nelson Mandela International Day** (or **Mandela Day**) is an annual international day in honor of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on July 18, Mandela's birthday. Mandela Day is a global call to action that celebrates the idea that each individual has the power to transform the world, the ability to make an impact.

July 19–20, 1848 – Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott spearhead the first women's rights convention in American history. More than 300 women and men come to Seneca Falls, New York, to protest the mistreatment of women in social, economic, political, and religious life. This marks the first public meeting that called for women's voting rights.

July 30 – World Day Against Human Trafficking. The **United Nations World Day** against **Trafficking** in Persons was established to raise awareness of the plight of **human trafficking** victims, and promote and protect their rights.

AUGUST

August 2 – **National Coloring Book Day**. NYSUT Women's Committee Coloring Book: www.nysut.org/news/2017/march/be-the-union-an-inspirational-coloring-book

Aug. 5, 2010 – **Elena Kagan** is confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Kagan was nominated by President Barack Obama on May 10, 2010, and became the fourth woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

Aug. 6, 2009 – **Sonia Maria Sotomayor** is confirmed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Sotomayor was appointed by President

Barack Obama in May 2009 and has the distinction of being the first justice of Hispanic descent, and the first Latina.

Aug. 18, 1920 – The 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution grants women the right to vote.

Aug. 26, 1935 – **Geraldine Anne "Gerry" Ferraro** (1935–2011) is born. Ferraro was an American attorney and Democratic Party politician who served in the United States House of Representatives. In 1984, she became the first female vice presidential candidate representing a major American political party.

Aug. 26 – Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. It was first celebrated in 1973 and is proclaimed each year by the United States President.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2, 1948 – **Sharon Christa McAuliffe** (1948–1986) was one of seven crew members killed in the Space Shuttle *Challenger* disaster. A social studies teacher at Concord High School in New Hampshire, McAuliffe was selected from more than 11,000 applicants to participate in the NASA

Teacher in Space Project; she would have been the first teacher in space. On Jan. 28, 1986, the shuttle broke apart 73 seconds after launch. After her death, schools and scholarships were named in her honor, and in 2004, she was posthumously awarded the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

Sept. 17 – Constitution/Citizenship Day

Sept. 21 – International Day of Peace

Sept. 25, 1981 – Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice.



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OCTOBER

October – Breast Care Awareness and Domestic Abuse Awareness Month

Oct. 1 – World Day of Bullying Prevention

Oct. 4, 1993 – Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second female justice.

Oct. 5 – World Teachers’ Day

Oct. 11 – **International Day of the Girl** is an observance day declared by the United

Nations. The observation supports more opportunities for girls and increases awareness of gender inequality faced by girls worldwide based upon their gender.

Oct. 11 – National Coming Out Day

NOVEMBER

Nov. 13 – American Education Week

Nov. 13 – World Kindness Day

Nov. 15 – National Education Support Professionals Day

Nov. 14, 1903 – The U.S. Women’s Trade Union League is established.

Nov. 19 – New York State SRP Recognition Day

Nov. 24 – Buy Union Week

Nov. 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Nov. 29 – The birthday of Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*.

Nov. 30, 1924 – The birthday of Shirley Anita Chisholm (1924–2005). An American politician, educator and author Chisholm became the first black woman elected to the

United States Congress in 1968. She represented New York’s 12th Congressional District for seven terms from 1969 to 1983. In 1972, she became the first black candidate for a major party’s nomination for President of the United States, and the first woman to run for the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination.

DECEMBER

Dec. 1 – World AIDS Day

Dec. 1, 1955 – Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person. Her arrest sparked the American civil rights movement.

Dec. 10 – Human Rights Day

Dec. 15 – Bill of Rights Day

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Kate Mullany* (1845–1906) A leading female labor organizer in the nineteenth century, Kate worked for justice and opportunities for women in newly emerging industries after the Civil War. The **Kate Mullany House** was the home of Kate Mullany. The house was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1998. It is now a National Historic Site. For additional information, visit: <http://www.labor-studies.org/> and <http://katemullanyrhs.org/about>.

Equal Pay Day (2020 dates will be added once published)**

The date of Equal Pay Day, marks the time a woman has to work into the new year to achieve the same pay a man earned the previous year.

March 5, 2019 – Asian Women’s Equal Pay Day

August 22, 2019 – Black Women’s Equal Pay Day

September 23, 2019 – Native American Women’s Equal Pay Day

November 20, 2019 – Latina Women’s Equal Pay Day