



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

Jan. 27 – World Holocaust Remembrance Day

FEBRUARY

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), Friedan broke new ground by exploring the idea of women finding personal fulfillment outside of their traditional roles. She also helped advance the women's rights movement as one of the founders of the **National Organization for Women (NOW)**

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. 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

Feb. 22 – Asian Women's Equal Pay Day

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 in Washington, D.C.

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. Founded by Gloria Steinem, the 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

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 25 – Administrative Professional's Day

April 28 – Workers' Memorial 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



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MAY

May 6 – National Nurses Day

May 6 to May 10, 2019 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7 – National Teachers Day

May 9 – National School Nurse Day

May 15, 1869 – The National Woman Suffrage Association is 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 Albright, 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 is passed. The act amended the Fair Labor Standards Act and aimed to abolish gender-based wage disparity

June 16, 1963 – Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova becomes 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 is 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). Another 21 individuals were named as co-founders at the October NOW Organizing Conference later that year

June 30 – (Equal Rights Amendment) The ERA is passed by Congress in 1972 but falls 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."

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 19–20, 1848 – Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott spearhead the first

women's rights convention in American history. Over 300 women and men came to Seneca Falls, New York to protest the mistreatment of women in social, economic, political, and religious life. This marked the first public meeting that called for women's voting rights

AUGUST

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. 7, 2018 – Black Women's Equal Pay Day

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



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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. As a member of mission STS-51-L, she was planning to

conduct experiments and teach two lessons from Space Shuttle *Challenger*. 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. 12, 2018 – Southeast Asian Women’s Equal Pay Day

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

Sept. 27 – Native American Women’s Equal Pay Day

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

Oct. 11 – National Coming Out Day

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1, 2018 – Latina Women’s Equal Pay Day

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. 20 – New York State SRP Recognition Day

Nov. 24 – Buy Union Week

Nov. 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against 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 sparks the American civil rights movement

Dec. 10 – Human Rights Day

Dec. 15 –Bill of Rights Day