

31 DAYS OF WOMEN'S HISTORY

MARCH 2021

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

- **Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981. Then the week beginning March 7, 1982 was proclaimed as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month."**





MARCH 1ST

- **March 1, 1945 – Nancy Woodhull was born on March 1st. She was a founding editor at USA TODAY newspaper and worked to change the way women were covered in the news.**

- **Reference USA Today**

MARCH 2ND

- **March 2, 1950 – Karen Carpenter** born on **March 2nd**. The **three-time Grammy-award winning singer and drummer** brought attention to **eating disorders**. She **Carpenter** suffered from **anorexia nervosa**, which affects **20 million women in the U.S.**





MARCH 3RD

- **March 3, 1887 – Helen Keller, a blind and deaf child, was taught how to communicate by her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Sullivan helped Keller become the first blind-deaf person to graduate from college, and the pair advocated for people with disabilities for many years after.**

JACKI JOYNER-KERSEE



- **March 3, 1962 – Jackie Joyner-Kersey.**

A six-time Olympic medalist is considered one of the world's greatest female athletes and holds the world record in the heptathlon. The heptathlon is a track and field event for women, in which each competitor takes part in the same prescribed seven events (100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin, and 800-meter run).

MARCH 4TH

- **March 4, 1917 – Jeannette Rankin, Republican from Montana, takes her seat as the first female member of the House of Representatives in Congress. Rankin was a life-long pacifist. A pacifist is a person who believes that war and violence are unjustifiable. Rankin opposed both World War I and World War II while in office.**





MARCH 5TH

- **March 5, 1931 – Geraldyn
(Jerrie)**

Cobb became the first woman to pass qualifying exams for astronaut training in 1959 but wasn't allowed to train because of her gender.

MARCH 6TH

- **March 6, 1986 – Georgia O’Keefe dies. She was a pre-eminent artist who laid the foundation for American modernism with her paintings of enlarged flowers and New Mexico landscapes.**



MARCH 7TH

- **Michelle First Lady Michelle LaVaughn Robinson Obama is a lawyer, writer, and the wife of the 44th and current President, Barack Obama. She is the first African-American First Lady of the United States. Through her four main initiatives, she has become a role model for women and an advocate for healthy families, service members and their families, higher education, and international adolescent girls.**

