

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.**

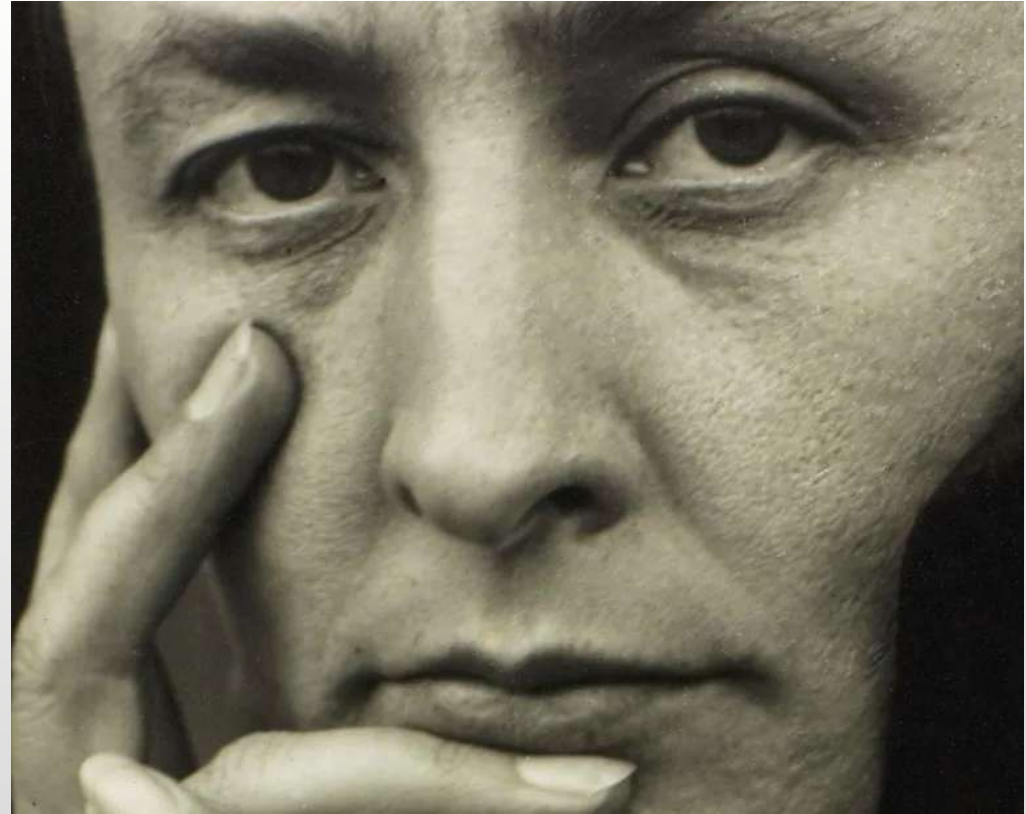


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MARCH 7TH

- **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.



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MARCH 8TH

- **March 8, 1914 – International Women's Day celebration was held in 1914. After this occasion, there was a push for women's equality. Since then, March 8th has become an annual day for global awareness around women's issues.**

MARCH 9TH

- **March 9, 1959 – The first Barbie doll debuts. The fashion toy was seen as a symbol of female empowerment. Many, however, criticized the doll for portraying unrealistic beauty standards.**



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MARCH 9TH

- March 9, 1910 – Sue Lee was born. The San Francisco labor organizer led a 15-week strike against a garment factory, fighting for better working conditions and increased wages.



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MARCH 9TH



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- **March 9, 1928 – Graciela Olivarez. The first woman and Latina graduate from Notre Dame Law School. She fought for Mexican-American rights and worked to decrease poverty.**

MARCH 10TH

- **March 10, 1903 – Clare Booth Luce served as ambassador to Italy in the 1950s, one of the top ambassador positions held by a woman at the time.**



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MARCH 11TH

- **March 11, 1993 – Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman to be U.S. Attorney General of the United States under President Bill Clinton.**
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MARCH 12TH



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- **March 12, 1912 – The first Girl Scouts meeting was held in Savannah, GA . Founded by Juliette Gordon Low, it was organized after Low met Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, in 1911. Girl scouts is a youth organization for girls in the United States and American girls living abroad.**



MARCH 12TH

- Tammy Duckworth was born on March 12th. She became the first disabled woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives and the second Asian-American woman in the Senate.

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MARCH 13TH



Photo: amaly.com

- **March 13, 1986 – Susan Butcher won the Iditarod, becoming the second woman ever to win the Alaskan dog sled race.**

MARCH 14TH



Photo: Glamour.com

- **March 14, 1997 – Simone Biles is born. She becomes the most decorated American gymnast, winning four gold medals at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.**

MARCH 15TH



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- **Ruth Bader Ginsburg was born on March 15, 1933. She was the second female United States Supreme Court Justice and spent her legal career advocating for women's rights before taking the bench.**

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MARCH 16TH

- **Filmmaker Ava DuVernay**
is a director known for the movies *Selma*, *13th* and '*A Wrinkle in Time*.' She is the first **African American** female director to receive a **Golden Globe** nomination and have a film nominated for a **Best Picture Oscar**.



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MARCH 17TH

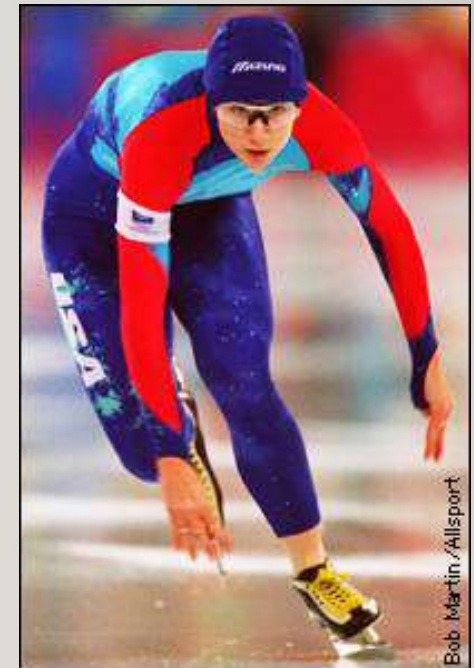


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- **On March 17, 2000, Julia Fiona Roberts became the first female actor to earn \$20 million for a single film in Erin Brockovich. Julia Roberts is an American actress and producer. And won three Golden Globe Awards, from eight nominations, and has been nominated for four Academy Awards for her film acting, winning the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in Erin Brockovich.**

MARCH 18TH

- **Bonnie Blair was born on March 18, 1964. She is a five-time Olympic speed skating gold medalist and the most decorated female Winter Olympian in United States history. Bonnie Kathleen Blair is retired American a retired speed skater. Blair competed for the United States in four Olympics, winning five gold medals and one bronze medal.**



MARCH 19TH

- **Yawna Allen is a Quapaw, Cherokee, Yuchi Native American. She works in the the External Affairs Coordinator at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Yawna's work includes strategic communications and outreach efforts to enhance and support civic engagement activities in both rural and urban Native American communities. NCAI was founded in 1944 to serve American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and communities.**

