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Celebrating Women's HERstory Month

The month is intended to remember the contributions of notable and ordinary women, in the hope that both young girls and boys are inspired to achieve success despite any obstacle they may face.

The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women began a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978 in California. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, which falls on March 8. However, one week was considered inadequate and in 1987, at the request of the National Women's History Project, Congress expanded the week to a month.



Women of Color Making a Difference

Elizabeth Eckford: A member of the Little Rock Nine, Elizabeth Eckford was one of nine high school students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957 despite high racial tension.

Malala Yousafzai: An advocate for girls' education, which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her. On October 9, 2012, a gunman shot Malala when she was traveling home from school. She survived, and has continued to speak out on the importance of education. In 2014, she won a Noble Peace Prize making her the youngest person to receive the award.



America Ferrera: A prominent advocate for immigration reform, gender equality, sex trafficking, and the education of children, Ferrera was born from parents who emigrated from Honduras to Los Angeles. As the first Latina to win an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series, Ferrera has done work to engage and empower young Latinos in the political process, while also diversifying the television industry.