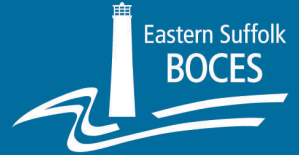


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March Cultural Heritage Highlights



Women's History Month

The National Women's History Month's theme for 2024 celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions.

Women's History Month Events and Information:

[NWHM 2024 Women's History Month Tool Kit](#)

[March 8 International Women's Day](#)

[March 10 – Harriet Tubman's Birthday \(observed\)](#)

[Activities and Ideas: How To Recognize Women's History Month](#)



Irish-American Heritage Month

The U.S. Congress designated March as Irish American Heritage Month in 1991 and the president issues a proclamation commemorating the occasion each year. Originally a religious holiday to honor St. Patrick, who introduced Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a celebration of all things Irish. The world's first St. Patrick's Day parade occurred on March 17, 1762. This parade became an annual event, with President Truman attending in 1948.

[For information on Irish American Society Nassau, Suffolk & Queens](#)



Greek-American Heritage Month

Greek American Heritage Month, also known as Hellenic Heritage Month, takes place in March. The commemoration of Greek American history is on March 25, the same day as Greece's National Greek Independence Day.

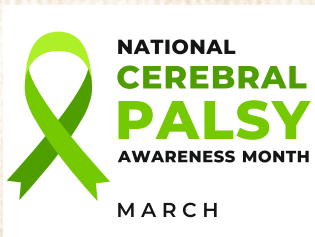
[Learn more about Greek-American History](#)



Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

"A World of Opportunities" – we're celebrating people and working together to remove obstacles. Our goal is to build a community that's committed to creating a world where everyone can do well and succeed. Join us in making a world where all kinds of people have the chance to thrive.

[Find out more about Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month from the NACDD](#)



Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a group of permanent movement disorders that appear in early childhood, affecting body movement and muscle coordination. Cerebral Palsy is not a disease - it is the most common motor disability in children.

[Find out more about Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month](#)



Ramadan Begins March 10

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. And it's the holiest time of the year for Muslims. Ramadan will fall at a different time of year, every year.

[The history and significance of Ramadan explained](#)



National Deaf History Month – March 13 to April 15

Although National Deaf History Month is not a federally recognized holiday, it's a time to raise awareness about the deaf community and their struggles in our society. The month also focuses on honoring the immense contributions of deaf individuals and the deaf community to our country. During this month, we also get to learn more about the ongoing advocacy work many organizations undertake to make life easier and more inclusive for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

[I'm deaf, but we can still talk | Rebekah Afari | TEDxExeter](#)



Neurodiversity Celebration Week – March 18 to 24

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, and organizations.

[Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024 Events Schedule](#)



Holi – March 24

Holi is the Hindu festival colors that celebrates the triumph of good over evil, good harvest, and fertility.

[History of the holiday Holi 2024](#)



Easter – March 31

Easter is widely considered the most important Christian holiday. The holiday celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion. Some people call this day Resurrection Sunday.

[Learn about the history of Easter on the History Channel](#)

