

THIS MONTH

American Heart Month

National Black Nurses Day (February 7)

National Burn Awareness Week (February 2-8)

timeline >>

1896 American Nurses Association founded.

1900 Jessie Sleet Scales became the first black public health nurse in U.S.

1908 Martha Minerva Franklin founded and became the first president of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses.

“Nursing is the best profession known to man. I have the best job in the world.”

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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1807: Congress bans foreign slave trade.
 1892: Carter Williams patents canopy frame (awning).

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1867: Entomologist Charles Henry Turner born.
 1956: Autherine Lucy enrolls as the first African American student at the University of Alabama.

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1913: Rosa Parks, civil rights pioneer who sparked 1955 Montgomery bus boycott, born.

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1884: Willis Johnson patents eggbeater.
 1934: Hank Aaron, major league home-run champion, born.

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1867: Robert Tanner Jackson becomes first African American to receive a degree in dentistry.

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1883: Ragtime pianist and composer Hubie Blake born.

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1902: Playwright, poet, author Langston Hughes born.
 1960: Four North Carolina A&T students stage first sit-in protest.

1968: Three South Carolina State students killed during segregation protest in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

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1964: Arthur Ashe Jr. becomes first African American on U.S. Davis Cup team.

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1989: Ronald H. Brown elected chair, Democratic National Committee.
 1992: Alex Haley, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, dies.

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1990: Nelson Mandela of South Africa is released from prison after 27 years.

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
 1909: NAACP founded in New York City.

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1970: Joseph L. Searles becomes first black member of New York Stock Exchange.

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VALENTINE'S DAY
 1879: B.K. Bruce of Mississippi becomes first African American to preside over U.S. Senate.

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1915: Biologist Ernest Just received Spingarn Medal for egg fertilization.
 1961: U.N. sessions disrupted by U.S. and African nationalists over assassination of Congo Premier Patrice Lumumba.

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1874: Frederick Douglass elected president of Freedman's Bank and Trust.

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PRESIDENTS' DAY
 1902: Marian Anderson, internationally acclaimed opera star, born.

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1931: Toni Morrison, winner of 1988 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, born.

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1923: In Moore v. Dempsey decision, Supreme Court guarantees due process of law to blacks in state courts.

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1934: *Four Saints in Three Acts*, by Virgil Thomson and Gertrude Stein, premieres as the first black-performed opera on Broadway.

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1965: Malcolm X assassinated in New York.
 1943: Adah B. Thoms, crusader for equal opportunity for blacks in nursing, dies.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
 1989: Col. Frederick Gregory becomes first African American to command a space shuttle mission.

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1868: W.E.B. DuBois, scholar, activist and author of *The Souls of Black Folk*, born.

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1922: Home of Frederick Douglass made a national shrine.

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1853: First black YMCA organized in Washington, D.C.

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1965: Civil rights activist Jimmie Lee Jackson dies after being shot by state police in Marion, Alabama.

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1988: Debi Thomas becomes first black to win an Olympic medal in figure skating.
 1890: Mabel K. Staupers, black nurses' advocate, born.

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1984: Michael Jackson wins eight Grammy Awards.

