

THIS MONTH

Healthy Weight Week
(January 19-25)

National Birth Defects Prevention Month

timeline >>

1890-1920s

African Americans established a network of approximately 200 black hospitals and nurse training schools.

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Howard University, Washington, D.C., established nursing program leading to a diploma.

“What I love about nursing is no matter who we are or what we do, we make a tremendously positive impact on a multitude of people.”

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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1943: George Washington Carver, agricultural scientist, dies.

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1870: Ada B. Thoms, crusader for equal opportunity for blacks in nursing, born.
1948: Supreme Court rules African Americans have right to study law at state institutions.

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1969: UCLA renames its social science buildings to honor alumnus Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, diplomat.

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1954: Dr. Theodore K. Lawless, dermatologist, awarded the Spingarn Medal for research in skin-related diseases.

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1831: The World Anti-Slavery Convention opens in London.

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1990: L. Douglas Wilder inaugurated as first African American governor (Virginia) since Reconstruction.

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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED
1977: Patricia Roberts Harris becomes first black woman to hold a Cabinet post.

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1961: Leontyne Price makes her Metropolitan Opera debut.

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1890: William B. Purvis patents fountain pen.
1955: Marian Anderson debuts as first African American to perform at Metropolitan Opera.

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1975: William T. Coleman named Secretary of Transportation.

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1936: Former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan born.

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1787: Free Africa Society organized in Philadelphia.
1998: Sarah "Madam C.J." Walker, first African American female millionaire, honored on U.S. postage stamp.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY
1863: Abraham Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation.
1889: Granville T. Woods patents automatic cutoff switch for electric circuits.

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1811: Charles Deslandes leads slave revolt in Louisiana.

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1929: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a major voice for civil rights in the 20th century, born.

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1949: James Robert Gladden becomes first African American certified in orthopedic surgery.
1994: Spencer Crew appointed director of Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

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1926: Violette Neatly Anderson becomes first black woman lawyer to argue a case before the Supreme Court.

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1965: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. calls for nonviolent protests if Alabama blacks are not allowed to register and vote.

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1866: Fisk University founded in Nashville, Tennessee.

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1978: NASA names black astronauts Maj. Frederick D. Gregory, Maj. Guion S. Bluford Jr., and Dr. Ronald E. McNair.

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1891: Dr. Daniel Hale Williams founds Provident Hospital in Chicago, the first training hospital for black doctors and nurses in the U.S.

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1979: Franklin Thomas named president of Ford Foundation.

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1624: William Tucker, first African child born in America.

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1864: George Washington Carver, agricultural scientist, born.

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1942: Three-time heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) born.

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1865: Congress passes 13th Amendment which, on ratification, abolishes slavery.

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1986: August Wilson's *Fences*, starring James Earl Jones, opens at Chicago's Goodman Theatre.
1951: National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses formally dissolved.

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1920: National Negro Baseball League started.
1926: Mary Eliza Mahoney, America's first black trained nurse, dies.
1971: The Congressional Black Caucus organized.

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1985: Reuben V. Anderson, first African American appointed to Mississippi court.

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1856: Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, pioneer heart surgeon, born.

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1851: Sojourner Truth addresses first Black Women's Rights Convention, Akron, Ohio.

