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August

Day(s)	Group, Culture or Cause Recognized
All Month	National Civility Month
9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
13	International Lefthanders Day
19	World Humanitarian Day
23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
26	Women's Equality Day

History

At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 and passed in 1973, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day." The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York. The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women's Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

[Source: [National Women's History Alliance](#)]

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