



September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America.

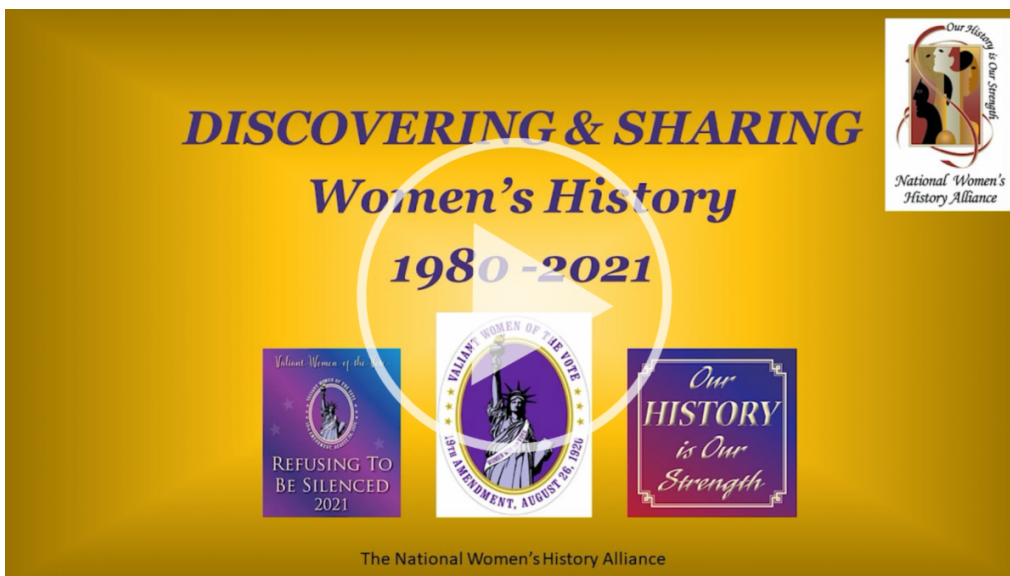
Beginning in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson, the celebration was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15.

September 15 of every year was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. All declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively.

Ever since the founding of the National Women's History Alliance, we have celebrated and honored Hispanic American women their contributions to American culture and history.

Learn more!

2021 NWA Women's History Honoree Luncheon



We would like to thank everyone who attended or viewed our 2021 Women's History Honoree Luncheon luncheon last month! We had a wonderful event!

For those who were not able to join us, you can still watch some videos from the program!

Martha Wheelock's "[Discovering & Sharing Women's History](#)" video tells the story of the NWA and where we will go next!

Robert Cooney's "[What Happened in 2020](#)" captures the events and spirit of the Suffrage Centennial!

Sadly, this was the last NWA Honoree luncheon. It is our hope that in the future local, state, and national organizations and agencies will each select their own women's history honorees.

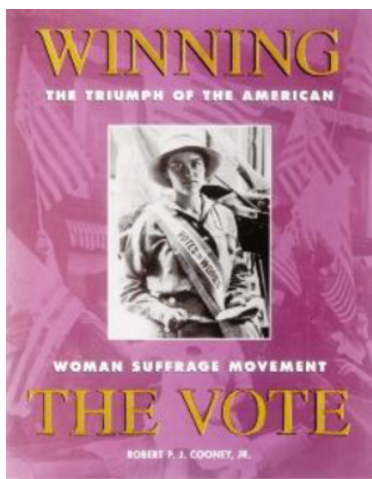
But we aren't going away! The NWA will continue to have events that help promote women's history in other ways! Stay tuned for more information!

Announcing the 2022 Women's History Theme!



The 2022 theme "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope" is not just a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers during this ongoing pandemic, but also a recognition of the thousands of ways women have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

We've Only Just Begun Campaign



The NWA has launched our We've Only Just Begun Campaign to encourage supporters to place copies of [Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Suffrage Movement](#) in every school and public library as a central part of American history.

The 496-page oversize edition retails for \$49.95 but is available for only \$30 each when you order 4 or more. That makes donating copies realistic for individuals and local organizations. State and local chapters - and individual members - of the League of Women Voters, NOW, AAUW, and other organizations have adopted this as a centennial follow-up project.

Shop now!

Demand a National Day for Women!

As you probably know, August 26th is the anniversary of women in the United States winning the constitutional right to vote in 1920. In 1973, Congress recognized this important historic date by declaring it as Women's Equality Day.

Although this is a landmark date, many Americans are still unaware of its existence or its significance. We would like to expand the recognition of Women's Equality Day by honoring both the work that has preceded us with the women's suffrage movement as well as the work that is ongoing in terms of securing and expanding voting rights.

SPECIFICALLY: We are advocating for even greater acknowledgment of the significance of Women's Equality Day and the observance of it as a national day of celebration, in order to build momentum and bipartisan support for making it the next federal holiday.



We call on our fellow citizens, government, and civic groups in every state to observe August 26, Women's Equality Day, as a national day of celebration. Officially recognizing this anniversary honors women's long on-going campaign for equality and re-emphasizes the fundamental importance of voting.

Along with individuals, community groups, organizations, workplaces, media outlets, and government agencies nationwide, please join us in promoting a national day of celebration by signing and sharing our petition.

The suffragist gathered 500,000 signatures without the help of social media. Our goal is to reach 102,000 signatures by August 26, 2022 - the 102nd anniversary of women winning the vote. To reach this goal, we need you to send this [Petition](#) to your email lists, and share it on social media.

Sign the petition!