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## Women's Equality Day August 26:

Women's Equality Day, which commemorates the August 26, 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution that gave women the right to vote. Congresswoman Bella Abzug first introduced a proclamation for Women's Equality Day in 1971. Since that time, every president has published a proclamation recognizing August 26 as Women's Equality Day.

## 1st

(2017) Tisha B'Av, is an annual fast day in Judaism, named for the ninth day (Tisha) of the month of Av in the Hebrew calendar, and usually is in July or August. The fast commemorates the destruction of both the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, which occurred about 655 years apart, but on the same Hebrew calendar date.

## 9th

is International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The focus this year is "Indigenous peoples building alliances: Honoring treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements."

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International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and the anniversary of the uprising in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that initiated the abolition of slavery in that nation.

## Mother Teresa

Clad in a white, blue-bordered sari, she along with her sisters of the Missionaries of Charity became a symbol of love, care and compassion for the world. Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, known the world over as Mother Teresa, was an Albanian-born Indian citizen who abided by her religious faith of Roman Catholicism to serve the unwanted, unloved and uncared people of the world.

## Neil Armstrong

History was created when Armstrong put his left foot on the surface of Moon, thus becoming the first ever man to place his foot on someplace other than the Earth. He was and for centuries to come, will be regarded as the greatest American hero who created a landmark moment in human history.

## Althea Gibson

She started playing at a tender age and continued to do so till the world was forced to accept her. She became the first tennis player hailing from the African-American community to win a 'Grand Slam' title. She has been touted as one of the greatest players by former tennis greats such as Robert Ryland and Billie Jean King.