

Community Service and Special Program Dates to Remember

JANUARY

- Cervical Cancer Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- Lifelong Literacy in America Month (Education & Libraries)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Day of Service - 3rd Mon in Jan (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Birth Defects Prevention Month (GFWC Jr Special Program)
- National Blood Donor Month (Health & Wellness)
- National Mentoring Month (Education & Libraries)
- National Personal Self-Defense and Stalking Awareness Month (GFWC Signature Program)
- National Poverty in America Awareness Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month (GFWC Signature Program)

FEBRUARY

- American Heart Month (Health & Wellness)
- America Saves Week – last full week of February (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- African American History Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Library Lovers Month (Education & Libraries)
- National Cancer Prevention Month (Health & Wellness)
- National Eating Disorders Awareness Week – last full week of Feb, Sun-Sat (Health & Wellness)
- National Wear Red Day – First Friday in February (Health & Wellness)
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (GFWC Signature Program)
- Women's Heart Week - 1st week of February - (Health & Wellness)
- World Cancer Day is February 4th every year (Health & Wellness)

MARCH

- American Red Cross Month (Health & Wellness)
- National Music in Our Schools Month (Arts & Culture)
- National Nutrition Month (Health & Wellness)
- National Women's History Month (Women's History and Resource Center (WHRC))
- Read Across America Day, 1st Friday in March in honor of Dr. Seuss (Education & Libraries)
- Read Across America Month (Education & Libraries)
- National Consumer Protection Week – 1st full week of March (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- International Woman's Day is March 8th annually (Women's History and Resource Center)
- International Day - Elimination of Racial Discrimination - March 8th annually (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- World Water Day is March 8th annually (Environment)
- Youth Art Month (Arts & Culture)

APRIL

- Arbor Day - last Friday of April (Environment)
- Autism Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- Cancer Control Month (Health & Wellness)
- Earth Day is April 22nd annually (Environment)
- Federation Month and April 24th - GFWC FEDERATION DAY
- Keep America Beautiful Month (Environment)
- National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (GFWC Special Program)
- National Financial Literacy Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Poetry Month (Arts & Culture)
- National Library Week – 2nd full week of April (Education & Libraries)
- National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, 2021, changes annually
- National Youth Violence Prevention Week – first full week of April (GFWC Signature Program)
- World Health Day is April 7th annually (Health & Wellness)

MAY

- Armed Forces Day - 3rd Saturday of May (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Be Kind to Animals Month (Environment)
- Children's Book Week – 1st full week of May (Education & Libraries)
- Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- Memorial Day – 4th Monday of May (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Mental Health Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- National Foster Parent Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Military Appreciation (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Photography Month (Arts & Culture)
- National Teacher Appreciation Week; 1st full week in May (Education & Libraries)
- Police Appreciation Week – the week that May 15th falls (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Stamp Out Hunger - 2nd Saturday of May (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Stroke Month (Health & Wellness)
- Women's Health Month (Health & Wellness)
- Women's Health Week begins on Mother's Day annually (Health & Wellness)

JUNE

- African American Music Appreciation Month (Arts & Culture)
- Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- Effective Communications Month (Leadership - Communications & Public Relations)
- Flag Day is June 14th annually (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Home Safety Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- NC Museum week is first week of June (President's Special Project - She Elevates the World)
- National Cancer Survivor's Day is the 1st Sunday in June (Health & Wellness)
- National Fireworks Safety Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Great Outdoors Month (Environment)
- National Zoo & Aquarium Month (Environment)
- PTSD Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- World Environment Day is June 5th annually (Environment)
- World Day Against Child Labor is June 12th (GFWC Jr Special Program)
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15th annually (GFWC Signature Program)
- World Refugee Day is June 20th annually (Civic Engagement & Outreach)

JULY

- Independence Day is July 4th (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Clean Beaches Week - 1st week of July (Environment)
- National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month (Health & Wellness)
- National Fireworks Safety Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach - GFWC-NC Jr Special Program)
- National Retirement Planning Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Parks and Recreation Month (Environment - GFWC-NC President's Special Project)
- UV Safety Month (Health & Wellness)
- World Hepatitis Day is July 28th (Health & Wellness)

AUGUST

- Coast Guard Day is August 4th (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Immunization Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- National Back to School Month (Education & Libraries)
- National Eye Exam Month (Health & Wellness)
- International Youth Day is August 12th annually (GFWC Jr. Special Program)
- National Night Out Against Crime - 1st Tuesday of August (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Victory Day (United States) - 2nd Monday of August (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Women's Equality Day is August 26th annually (Civic Engagement & Outreach and WHRC)
- Women's Right to vote anniversary is August 26th (100 years on August 26, 2020)

SEPTEMBER

- Baby Safety Month (GFWC-NC Jr Special Project - Safe Kids)
- Child Passenger Safety Week – 3rd Week of September (GFWC-NC Jr. Special Project - Safe Kids)
- Cholesterol Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- Fruits and Veggies – More Matters Month (Health & Wellness)
- Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- International Literacy Day is September 8th Annually (Education & Libraries)
- Labor Day – 1st Monday of September (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Library Card Sign-up Month (Education & Libraries)
- National Infant Mortality Awareness Month (GFWC Jr. Special Program)
- National Seat Check Saturday - 4th Sat of September (GFWC-NC Jr. Special Project - Safe Kids)
- National Grandparents Day, raise awareness of elder abuse; 2nd Sunday (GFWC Signature Program)
- National Women's Health and Fitness Day - last Wednesday of September (Health & Wellness)
- Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)

OCTOBER

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- Child Health Day is 1st Monday of October (GFWC Jr Special Program)
- Child Health Month (GFWC Jr Special Program)
- Crime Prevention Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Dental Health Awareness Month (Health & Wellness)
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month (GFWC Signature Project)
- Fire Prevention Week – Week of Sun to Sat where Oct 9 falls (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- GFWC Advocates for Children's Week – fourth full week of October each year (Jr Special Program)
- Health Literacy Month (Education & Libraries)
- International Day of Older Persons is October 1st (Civic Engagement & Outreach - GFWC Signature Program)
- Learning Disabilities Month (Education & Libraries)
- Make a Difference Day is the third Saturday in October - Oct. 25, 2020
- National Arts and Humanities Month, America for the Arts (Arts & Culture)
- National Book Month (Education & Libraries)
- National Bullying Prevention Month (Education & Libraries)

NOVEMBER

- America Recycles Day is November 15th annually (Environment)
- American Diabetes Month (Health & Wellness)
- American Education Week – 2nd week of November (Education & Libraries)
- Education Support Professionals Day – Wednesday of American Education Week (Education support: bus drivers, assistants, custodians, office personnel, cafeteria workers)
- Election Day is 1st Tuesday in November (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Family Literacy Month (Education & Libraries)
- National Alzheimer's Disease Month (Health & Wellness)
- National PTA Child Safety & Protection Month (GFWC-NC Jr Director's Special Project - Safe Kids)
- National Healthy Skin Month (Health & Wellness)
- Universal Children's Day is November 20th annually (GFWC Jr Special Program)
- Veterans Day is November 11th (Civic Engagement & Outreach)

DECEMBER

- International Volunteer Day is on December 5th annually (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Human Rights Day is December 10th annually (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- Mothers against Drunk Driving National Impaired Driving Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- National Influenza Vaccination Week - 1st Friday-Thursday (Health & Wellness)
- Universal Human Rights Month (Civic Engagement & Outreach)
- World AIDS Day is December 1st annually (Health & Wellness)