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"I am woman, hear me roar!" "I'm Every Woman!" "Survivor!" Sound familiar? These are just a few song titles and lyrics of anthems promoting social change and empowerment for women over the past 50 years. As we celebrate Women's History Month, you may see themes from these songs emerge throughout the stories shared and the activities and events held across the country.



The contributions and impact of women throughout history have been and continue to be significant to this country. However, the stories are not as comprehensive as we thought they were. The stories we have learned oftentimes do not provide a full picture of the woman herself, her contributions, or her struggles to have her story heard. With the hope to create a more equitable America, the Smithsonian is looking to amplify the diversity of women's stories throughout American history. Through its American Women's History Initiative, the organization is encouraging Americans to explore untold stories of American women and use the hashtag #BecauseOfHerStory to share them across the country. Learn More

<u>Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope</u>, is the National Women's Alliance's 2022 National Women's History Theme. It pays tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers

and frontline works during the pandemic and also recognizes the many ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

From healers to trailblazers, American women have made their stamp on U.S. history and continue to fight for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Let's teach our daughters to stand up for themselves, demand equal pay, demand respect, and recognize being labeled "strong" is not negative, but the makings of a leader. Let's teach our sons to respect and encourage women who do this.

As an organization, AMGA recognizes the many contributions of women within our member groups and has worked to provide venues for amplifying women's voices. We have made significant strides toward empowering women through AMGA's Women in Leadership Council, member presentations, keynote speakers, board representation, and other activities. It is important that we continue these efforts and work with our members to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion within their own organizations

Resources of the Month

DE&I Committee February Picks:

- Website: Women's History Month
- Website: Because of Her Story
- <u>Blog</u>: Women's History Month: The Untold Stories of Public Health Heroines
- <u>PDF</u>: Policy Brief: Health and Gender Equality

Local Events and Resources:

- DC by Foot: Celebrate Women's
 History Month in Washington, DC
 (2022)
- Women's History Month in Virginia

Do you have a resource you want to see in the next edition of the *DE&I Digest*? Next month, we'll be celebrating **Women's History Month!** Send resources

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Did You Know?

- March 8 is <u>International Women's</u>
 Day and the theme: #BreakTheBias
- Gender Equality Month is also celebrated in the month of March.

to <u>DEICommittee@amga.org</u> for review by the DE&I Committee. Please ensure resources submitted are from reputable sources.

Something to Celebrate!

- A Record Number of Women Are Serving in the 117th Congress
- 15 Ways to Celebrate Women's History Month 2022

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? We'd love to hear from you! Email the DE&I Committee at DEICommittee@amga.org. To see previous editions of the DE&I Digest, click here.

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