



# February 2022

**It's a Celebration!** Join in the celebration and recognition of African Americans! Everyone can participate! Celebrate throughout the month with dress and sharing how to **CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH YEAR-ROUND IN MEMPHIS.**

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
<p>In Memphis, you can feel the struggles and triumphs, experience the music and movements, and discover the legends and unsung heroes of Black History. Checkout the various locations to visit throughout the month &amp; year! <b>Black History is All Year!!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p>The Colors in African Flag are Red, Black, and Green! <b>Wear either color or all three to represent the blood, soil, and prosperity of Africa and its people.</b> <u>National Civil Rights Museum</u>. Located at the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on the balcony on April 4, 1968</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Today Celebrate Women's Heart Day &amp; the Contributions of Black Women! <b>Wear RED w/a splash of African Jewelry (necktie).</b> <u>Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum</u> housed inside the historic Burkle Estate, one of the Underground Railroad stops offering refuge for runaway slaves on their way to freedom</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>In Africa, clothing traditions are very strong. Traditional dress is worn for special occasions in celebration. <b>Wear African Attire in celebration of Black History Month.</b></p> <p><i>Catch a performance at the area's only self-supporting Black theatre, <u>Hattiloo Theatre</u></i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>African people love a great Headpiece! It can represent ethnicity, wealth, mourning, or marital status. <b>Wear a Beautiful African Head Wrap, Hat, or a kufi.</b></p> <p><i>Historic <u>Four Way Grill</u>, where Dr. King would frequent on his trips to Memphis and the Stax artists would grab lunch between long recording sessions.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>The Black Panther Party was a political organization founded to challenge police brutality against the African American community. <b>Wear all black everything! (You may even include a black beret, black sunglasses, and a black leather jacket to resemble a true member.)</b> <u>"I am a Man" Plaza</u> on Hernando Street next to Clayborn Temple</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Valentine's Day! Show your LOVE! <b>Wear red or pink with African Inspired accents.</b> <u>Tom Lee Park</u>. This riverside park serves as home of the Memphis in May and is named for Memphis' greatest hero. In 1925, with the help of his tiny rowboat, local African-American resident Tom Lee (who could not swim) braved the Mississippi's swirling currents to save 32 strangers from drowning.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Some of the greatest inventors were Black People. <b>Wear something that celebrates those African Americans in your own way. (ie. White lab jacket=Dr. Daniel Hale Williams: First Black Heart Surgeon)</b></p> <p><i>Celebrate African culture at the <u>Africa in April</u> Cultural Awareness Festival</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>The US elected the first black president in 2008 and the first black female vice president in 2020. <b>Wear j's and shades or chucks and pearls in celebration.</b></p> <p><i>It's essential to stop at the Cotton Museum to understand the full role that cotton played in fueling the slave trade in the US</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p>Black Lives Matter <b>Show that BLM to you by wearing your gear in support against racism, bigotry, violence, and police brutality.</b></p> <p><i><u>Memphis Heritage Trail</u> and visit various historic markers scattered along downtown's sidewalks to get a glimpse of history. The trail highlights the cultural impact and achievements of African Americans in our city</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>A Step in African American History <b>Are you a member of the Divine 9? Represent your Sorority or Fraternity by wearing your paraphernalia. Not a Member? Dress in solidarity with a protest or movement that was aimed at fighting for the rights of black people. (ie. BLM, Kaepernick's protest of police brutality, The March on Washington, The Million Man March, etc.)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Black Powerful Public Figures have left a mark on our country with insightful words. <b>Wear a T-shirt with your favorite famous black quote.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SMS Annual Black History Program</b></p> <p><i>You won't want to miss the WLOK Stone Soul Picnic at the Levitt Shell</i></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>HBCU's Matter! <b>Wear gear from a Historically Black College or University.</b></p>	<p><i>Celebrate African American freedom at the <u>Juneteenth Urban Music Festival</u>. This annual festival, now held at Health Sciences Park on the edge of downtown Memphis</i></p>	<p><i>Discover the Orange Mound neighborhood, designated as a Preserve America Community by First Lady Michelle Obama. On your visit, head into the <u>Orange Mound Gallery</u> for exhibits curated and created by local artists</i></p>