

## JANUARY

January is **National Poverty Awareness Month** in the United States

### Holidays

January 1<sup>st</sup>      New Year's Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday      Martin Luther King Day

### Symbols

January's birthstone is the garnet.  
January's birth flower is the carnation or snowdrop

### Dates to Remember

January 01, 1863	Official end to the U.S. slave system proclaimed
January 01, 1990	Victory in Pittston coal miners' strike
January 01, 2000	Zapatista rebellion begins in southern Mexico protesting "free trade" policies
January 02, 1920	Palmer raids begin. Justice Department agents arrest and deport thousands of radical immigrants
January 03, 1964	Strike by 450,000 public school students in New York strike against substandard, segregated schools
January 07, 1789	First American presidential election
January 08, 1790	First State of the Union Address in the U.S. by George Washington
January 09, 1912	African National Congress founded in South Africa
January 09, 1939	Southern Tenant Farmers Union begins interracial sit-down strike in Missouri
January 10, 1901	First great oil discovery in Texas
January 11, 1912	"Bread and Roses" textile mill strike begins in Lawrence, Massachusetts
January 11, 1937	Michigan sit-down strike against General Motors Corporation begins
January 15, 1929	Birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of U.S. civil rights movement
January 16, 1893	Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii overthrown in U.S. operations
January 17, 1915	Ralph Chapin writes the anthem <i>Solidarity Forever</i> for a hunger march in Chicago
January 19, 1812	Luddites burn Oatlands Mill in Yorkshire, England
January 19, 1920	Sugar plantation workers on Oahu, Hawaii strike for better wages, conditions and paid maternity leave. Eight-thousand Filipino and Japanese workers join
January 20, 1932	First U.S. unemployment compensation law enacted in Wisconsin
January 21, 1954	<i>Nautilus</i> (SSN-571), first atomic submarine launched
January 22, 1905	Revolution against the Russian Tsar begins in St. Petersburg, Russia
January 23, 1943	Warsaw Ghetto uprising begins. Seventy-thousand Polish Jews confront Nazi power

January 23, 1849	Elizabeth Blackwell, first modern woman physician graduated from Geneva Medical School of Western New York
January 24, 1848	Gold first discovered in California by settlers
January 25, 1787	Shays Rebellion. New England farmers take up arms against imprisonment for debt
January 27, 1990	South African rail strike won
January 29, 1936	Rubber Workers' Union sit-down strike in Akron, Ohio. Establishes it as a national union