

## DID YOU KNOW???

When Dr. Woodson founded ASALH one of his main thoughts in mind was harmony among the races—he set out to document the true account of the history of African Americans in the United States and his hope was that other cultures, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, etc. would do the same so the history of the United States that is taught to children in our schools would be complete and correct, without distortion. Beginning in the 60s, several years after his death, his dream became a reality. Other cultures began to lobby Congress to put in place celebrations for their history as well. And guess what—they followed the same plan—starting with a week, then expanding to a month.

**Did you know** that in 1968 Congress authorized the celebration of Hispanic American Week that was expanded in 1988 to Hispanic American History Month?

**Did you know** that in October 1978 a bill was signed designating the first ten days of May to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and in 1990 the celebration was expanded to a month-long celebration.

**Did you know** that the public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women's Day, was selected. In 1981, Congress proclaimed a national Women's History Week -- Then, In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month?

**Did you know** that August 1990? established the first celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month?

Do you now understand the significance of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's legacy? He should not only be remembered as the Father of Black History, but also a pioneer of multiculturalism. Dr. W.E.B. DuBois once said "No one has ever brought the entire nation's attention to the contributions of Blacks in America like Dr. Carter G. Woodson." And guess what, no one ever has. Dr. Woodson's work was not just for African Americans in the United States, but his work was for all people throughout the global community.