

Law Day 2026

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The rule of law and the American Dream means no person is above the law and everyone gets treated equally. The laws make it so you are able to live life freely and choose what you want to be when you grow up.

Title IX of the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Richard M. Nixon in 1972. This law states that a person can have any job they want to have. For example, you can be a lawyer, doctor, nurse, engineer, mechanic, astronaut, or a teacher no matter your race or gender. Back before 1972, women and African Americans couldn't have certain jobs.

Historically many people thought women weren't smart enough to be doctors. But Elizebeth Blackwell proved them wrong. She was the first woman to go to medical school in the United States. She had to apply to more than 10 schools in order to get in. I want to be a children's orthopedist when I grow up. Title IX makes that possible because now women have equal rights to men.

Not only were women treated unfairly, but African American people also couldn't have certain types of jobs. President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order in 1961 which prevented NASA from discriminating based on race. The first black astronaut sent to space was Guion Bluford in 1983.

This year is the 250th anniversary of the signing of The Declaration of Independence. I am proud to say that people have changed and become better. In 2026, people can pursue their dreams and live life how they've always wanted to.