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- NYS Developmental; Disabilities Planning Council has stated that Governor Hochul has declared March 2022 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. From the Proclamation, “New York State recognizes, respects, and depends upon the diversity of its people who strengthen our society through their inherent talents and skills, including people with developmental disabilities.” “People with developmental disabilities also make important and long-standing contributions to New York State through their advocacy, civic engagement, and community involvement.
- March 22-28 is National Drug and Alcohol Facts week with the National Institute on Drug Abuse. <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>
- March 26 is Purple Day for Epilepsy awareness. It is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. <https://www.purpleday.org>
- April is National Minority Health Month (NMHM), a time to raise awareness about health disparities that continue to affect racial and ethnic minority populations and encourage action through health education, early detection, and control of disease complications. The origin of National Minority Health Month is in the 1915 establishment of National Negro Health Week by Booker T. Washington. <https://www.nimhd.nih.gov/programs/edu-training/nmhm/>