# Fun Facts about the April

#### **APRIL BIRTH MONTH**

- Birthstone is the diamond.
- Flower is the daisy and the sweet pea.
- Zodiac signs are Aries and Taurus.

## **WAYS TO HONOR IN APRIL**

- National Poetry Month
- Cancer Control Month
- Jazz Appreciation Month

## **SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL 2024**

- Easter Monday and April Fools' Day is April 1st
- Autism Awareness Day is Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- World Health Day is Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>
- The Boston Marathon is Monday, April 15th
- Tax Day is Monday, April 15th
- Passover begins at sundown Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Earth Day is Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Arbor Day is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

### THE MONTH OF APRIL IN HISTORY

- April 2, 1792: Congress establishes the first U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.
- April 3, 1995: Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman to preside over the Court, sitting in for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.
- April 6, 1896: The first Olympics of the modern era is held in Athens, Greece following a 1500 year break.
- April 6, 1917: The U.S. enters WWI in Europe.
- April 14, 1865: President Abraham Lincoln is shot while watching a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.
- April 18, 1906: The San Francisco Earthquake destroys 10,000+ acres of property and 4,000 deaths.
- April 30, 1789: George Washington took the oath of office as the first U.S. President.



Apples Beets
Cherries Kiwis
Lemons Lettuce
Oranges Rhubarb
Shallots Strawberries
Sweet onions Turnips

### **DID YOU KNOW???**

At the age of seventy, Noah Webster published the first edition of his dictionary in 1828 registering the copyright on April 14. In total it took twenty-eight years to complete. His greatest wish was to reform English spelling for Americans to make it simple and obvious. He originally sought to remove all double vowels such as "bred" instead of "bread".

The name "April" is derived from the Latin word "Aprilis" meaning" to open" to describe the trees opening during springtime.

