

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2021 CELEBRATES VALIANT WOMEN OF THE VOTE

*The National Women's History Alliance chooses a yearly theme for Women's History Month. Because of COVID-19, many of the women's suffrage centennial celebrations originally planned for 2020 were restricted, so the National Women's Alliance extended the theme for 2021 to **Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced**. American women in every state won the right to vote when the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920 after decades of women's suffrage activism.*

1848: FIRST WOMEN'S RIGHTS CONVENTION

In 1840 Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton are barred from an anti-slavery convention in London. They pledge to hold a women's convention in the United States, which takes place in 1848. Stanton presents "The Declaration of Sentiments" at the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention in New York. Modeled on the Declaration of Independence, the document launches the U.S. women's suffrage movement.



1851: "AIN'T I A WOMAN?" SPEECH

The formerly enslaved Sojourner Truth delivers her memorable "Ain't I a woman?" speech at a women's rights convention in Ohio, making the case that all women, black or white, should have the same rights as men.



1869: NWSA FOUNDED

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony found the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) to achieve the vote through a constitutional amendment.

1878: WOMEN SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

A woman suffrage amendment is proposed in the U.S. Congress. When the 19th Amendment passes 41 years later, it follows the wording of this same 1878 Amendment.

1890: TWO WOMEN'S GROUPS MERGE

NWSA and the more conservative American Woman Suffrage Association (formed in 1869) merge. They form the National American Woman Suffrage Association and work on achieving suffrage at the state level.



1890: WOMEN WIN THE VOTE IN WYOMING

When Wyoming becomes a state, it's the first to grant women the right to vote.



1916: JEANNETTE RANKIN ELECTED

Jeannette Rankin of Montana becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representative. Two years later, President Woodrow Wilson supports women's suffrage.

1919: 19TH AMENDMENT PASSED

Congress passes the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.



1920: 19TH AMENDMENT RATIFIED

The 19th Amendment is ratified by the states, giving women full voting rights.