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Dear Friend,

The women's rights movement started over 150 years ago here in New York State. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony led the way in the fight for women's suffrage, helping women secure the right to vote in 1920 with the passage of the 19th Amendment. Since then, women have fought tirelessly to break down barriers and expand women's rights and their role in society.

However, the fight for equality is not yet over. While we've passed new laws to strengthen women's rights, unfortunately, glass ceilings still exist and we must continue to make progress.

This pamphlet contains information about important women who shaped our country's history. I hope you find it useful as you learn about those who helped pave the way for a better future.

Sincerely,

Carrie Woerner

Member of Assembly



Highlights of **WOMEN** Throughout History

First Women's Rights Convention is held in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

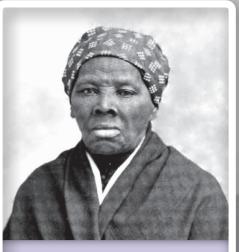
Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first licensed female physician.

Mary Edwards Walker becomes the first and only woman to receive the Medal of Honor.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony form the American Equal Rights Association, which people of all races and both genders join to support universal suffrage.

1866

1896



Mary Church Terrell, Ida B.
Wells-Barnett and former slave
Harriet Tubman form the National
Association of Colored Women.

Theodore Roosevelt's
Progressive Party becomes the
first national political party to
adopt a women's suffrage plank.

New York State grants women the right to vote.

The 19th Amendment is ratified, granting women the right to vote.

First Equal Rights Amendment is introduced. (Amendment has never been ratified.)



Jane Addams becomes the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to make a transcontinental nonstop flight.

Frances Perkins is appointed Secretary of Labor, becoming the first female member of a presidential cabinet.

Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt is appointed as a delegate to the United Nations and helps draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.



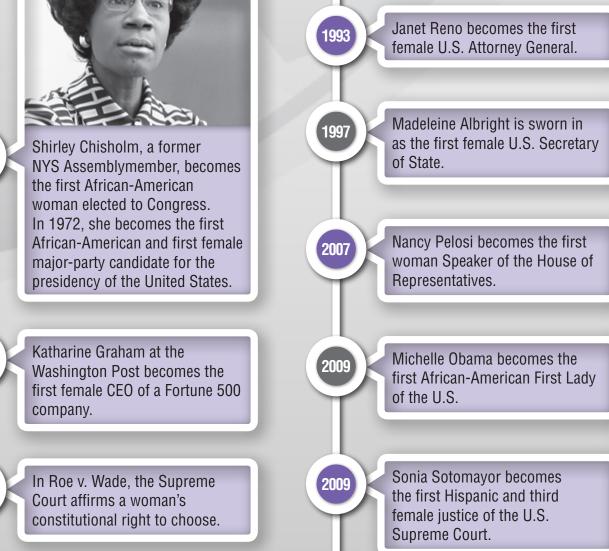
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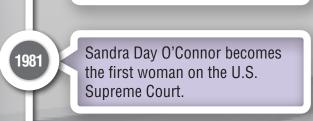
1973

1977

1983



1984



Janet Guthrie becomes the first

woman to compete in the Indy 500 and the Daytona 500.



Sally Ride is the first American woman in space.



Geraldine Ferraro is the first

woman nominated for vice president by a major party.

Former Assemblymember Grace Meng becomes the first Asian-American elected to Congress from New York.

2012

Janet Yellen is the first woman 2014 to be named chair of the Federal Reserve.





Women are about 51% of the U.S. population



Women hold just 19% of seats in the U.S. Congress²



Only 26% of New York State legislators are women



Women hold a mere 4% of Fortune 500 CEO roles³



Full-time women workers earn about 78% as much as men



The U.S. is the only industrialized nation that doesn't mandate paid maternity leave⁵



1 in 3 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime⁶



The U.S. finishes 28th out of 145 countries in terms of gender equality for women⁷

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"We can all be proud to say the women's rights movement began in Seneca Falls right here in New York State. But, as the facts indicate, the fight is far from over. Let's keep leading the way for true women's equality."

- Carrie Woerner Member of Assembly