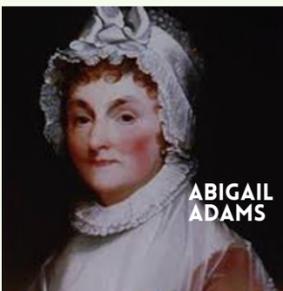


Women's History Milestones



ABIGAIL ADAMS

1776 In a letter to her husband, Founding Father John Adams, future first lady **Abigail Adams** makes a plea to him to “remember the ladies” when envisioning a government for the American colonies.



AMELIA EARHART

1843 Isabella Baumfree takes the name **Sojourner Truth** and goes on to become a famed abolitionist and women’s rights activist.



ROSA PARKS

1848 First women’s rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., to sign the Declaration of Rights and Sentiments spearheaded by **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Lucretia Mott**.



BILLIE JEAN KING

1849 **Elizabeth Blackwell** becomes first woman to receive a medical degree, from Geneva Medical College (now SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y.).



SALLY RIDE

1920 The 19th Amendment gives women right to vote. It is nicknamed “**The Susan B. Anthony Amendment**” in honor of her work on behalf of women’s suffrage



KAMALA HARRIS

1932 **Amelia Earhart** becomes the first woman, and second pilot ever (Charles Lindbergh was first) to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic.

1934 **Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans** is first woman to serve on the board of directors of a major corporation, The Coca-Cola Company.

1955 Black seamstress **Rosa Parks** refuses to give up her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Ala. The move helps launch the civil rights movement

1963 **Betty Friedan**, author of 1963’s *The Feminine Mystique*, helps found the National Organization for Women (NOW)

1967 **Muriel Siebert** becomes first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange

1972 **Katharine Graham** of The Washington Post Co. becomes first woman CEO of a Fortune 500 company

1972 **Shirley Chisholm** becomes first major party woman Presidential candidate

1973 In “The Battle of the Sexes,” tennis great **Billie Jean King** beats Bobby Riggs in straight sets during an exhibition match

1981 **Sandra Day O’Connor** becomes first woman Supreme Court justice

1983 Flying on the Space Shuttle Challenger, **Sally Ride** becomes the first American woman in space

1990 **Dr. Antonia Novello** becomes first woman (and first Latino) U.S. surgeon general

1993 Nominated by President Bill Clinton, **Janet Reno** is sworn in as the first female attorney general of the United States

1999 **Eileen Collins** becomes first woman to command shuttle mission

2007 U.S. Rep. **Nancy Pelosi** (D-Calif.) becomes the first female speaker of the House

2014 General Motors becomes largest company with a woman CEO **Mary Barra**

2016 **Hillary Clinton** becomes the first woman to receive a presidential nomination from a major political party

2019 **Sarah Thomas** becomes the first full-time female referee in the NFL’s 100-year history.

2020 **Kamala Harris** is sworn in as the first woman and first woman of color vice president of the United States