



LAS Statement on the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment

Today we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment of the Constitution, guaranteeing the right of women to vote. We celebrate the courageous women of the past who fought fiercely for their equality and would not succumb to the cruelty of bigotry and prejudice.

On this centennial, we pay special tribute to the Black suffragists who endured even more hardships often at the hands of some of their white counterparts who shunned and ignored them. Many were the granddaughters and daughters of free African American families, some who achieved financial freedom and then served as activists by forming labor unions even though their voices were often muffled by racism and prejudice.

As we rewrite this nation's history with accuracy and inclusion, we honor and uplift the names of these brave women.

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