

1848

The first women's rights convention is held in New York.

1900

Victoria Woodhull becomes the first woman to run for president

1920

The 19th ammendment grants women the right to vote.

1964

President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act, banning gender discrimination in employment.

1974

The Housing and Community Development Act outlaws housing discrimination against women.

1981

Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

1994

The Violence Against Women Act provides services and support for victims of violence.

2007

Nancy Pelosi becomes the first female speaker of the House.

2016

Hillary Clinton becomes the first woman to win a presidential nomination from a major party.

Women's History

in the United States

1849

Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first woman to graduate medical school.

1916

Jeannette Rankin of Montana is the first woman elected to congress.

1993

President Kennedy signs the Equal Pay Act, prohibiting sex-based wage discrimination

1972

President Nixon signs Title IX, prohibiting gender based discrimination in education.

1975

The Supreme Court rules that states cannot exclude women from juries.

1983

Sally Ride becomes the first American woman in space.

1997

Madeleine Albright becomes the first female secretary of state.

2013

The US military lifts its ban against women in combat positions.

2020

Kamala Harris becomes the first woman to be elected vice president.