

# MARCH is National Women's History Month

2010 THEME: WRITING WOMEN BACK INTO HISTORY



National Woman Suffrage Association



Marie Curie



Betty Friedan



Dr. Sally K. Ride



Dr. Jane Lubchenco

## TIMELINE: Women's Rights and Famous Firsts by Women

- 1848** The first women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, NY.
- 1869** Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton form the National Woman Suffrage Association.
- 1890** Wyoming becomes the first state to grant women the right to vote.
- 1903** Marie Curie becomes the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize in Physics.
- 1920** The 19th Amendment gives women the right to vote.
- 1963** Betty Friedan publishes "The Feminine Mystique." The Equal Pay Act is passed by Congress.
- 1964** Title VII of the Civil Rights Act bans discrimination on the basis of race and sex.
- 1966** The National Organization for Women is co-founded by Betty Friedan and Pauli Murray, the first Black female Episcopal priest.
- 1968** Federally Employed Women (FEW) is founded. The first President is Allie Weeden (Latimer), a Black attorney.
- 1972** Title IX enacted. It bans sex discrimination in schools, whether it be in academics or athletics.
- 1978** The Pregnancy Discrimination Act bans employment discrimination against women who are pregnant.
- 1981** Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court.
- 1983** Dr. Sally K. Ride becomes the first American woman in space as a member of the Space Shuttle Challenger for STS-7.
- 1987** Congress proclaims March as National Women's History Month.
- 1993** Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win Nobel Prize for literature.
- 2007** Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman speaker of the house.
- 2009** Dr. Jane Lubchenco becomes the first woman Administrator of NOAA.

