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# LEARNING ABOUT *NJ WOMEN VOTE*

New Jersey's Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Initiative in 2020



# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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# THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT

- Passed in 1920
- Granted American women the right to vote
- Alice Paul, suffragist from NJ, was a primary driver of the amendment



# NEW JERSEY'S 2020 INITIATIVE

- *NJ Women Vote: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100*

- Vision

Through *NJ Women Vote*, we will mark the centennial of women's suffrage while acknowledging its inequities and the challenges New Jersey women of all backgrounds have faced and continue to confront from 1920 to the present day.

- Goals

- To tell the true story of suffrage
- To engage the widest possible audience
- To encourage civic participation through voting
- To develop programs that result in change



# PLANNING EFFORTS

- Outreach to educational, professional, and civic organizations
- Committees developed based on key themes:
  - Education
  - Public Programming
  - Civic Engagement
  - Communications
  - Fundraising and Governance
- Quarterly statewide meetings



# EDUCATION

- Winter / Spring 2020
- Educational resources and developed for schools, focusing on the anniversary of New Jersey's ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment on February 9, 1920
- Committee ideas include:
  - Teacher workshop over summer 2019 to develop suffrage curriculum guides for civics and women's history
  - "Raise Your Voice, New Jersey" – a state-wide cross-curricular competition inviting students to submit artwork, essays, or performances based on suffrage history concluding with an election to vote for the best projects on or around February 9, 2020

# PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

- Summer 2020 – the “Summer of Suffrage”
- Programming for the general public leading up to the national anniversary of the Amendment’s passage on August 26, 2020.
- Committee ideas include:
  - Discussion groups around the state reflecting on suffrage history and connections to current events
  - “Bicycle Slow Roll” along the NJ Women’s Heritage Trail
  - Celebration on August 26<sup>th</sup> in Trenton to engage state legislators with special talks from NJ women

# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Fall 2020
- Activities continuing up to the November 2020 Presidential election, focusing on encouraging voter registration and participation
- Committee ideas include:
  - Voter registration tables hosted at partner events throughout the year
  - Recreating a historic suffrage march in New Brunswick on October 10, 2020 and featuring interpreters in period dress, a march from the train station up College Avenue, and rally with speakers on Rutgers University Campus



# COMMUNICATIONS

- Throughout 2020
- A program of online resources and a coordinated social media campaign supporting 2020 activities
- Committee ideas include:
  - A central website or hub to share program and event information
  - Online “Flat Alice” scavenger hunt
  - Videos from NJ celebrities talking about their own voting experiences
  - SnapChat filter
  - Suffragist display photo ops offered at events throughout the year



# FUNDRAISING

- Currently planning
- Strategies for private fundraising to support proposed activities including the creation of an advisory board



# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## Quarterly Planning Meetings

- *NJ Women Vote* meets four times a year to report on committee progress, share ideas, and development partnerships
- Next meeting:

**Monday, December 17, 2018**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**East Jersey Old Town Village, 1050 River Rd.,  
Piscataway, NJ**

## Committee Meetings

- Committees meet between quarterly meetings to plan within specific areas
- All partners are invited to join committees, but we also encourage individual organizations to plan their own events and programs based on the centennial anniversary

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- To join our email list, RSVP to any of our meetings, or to reach out with questions, please contact:

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# RESOURCES

- New Jersey Historical Commission:
  - [www.history.nj.gov](http://www.history.nj.gov)
  - [www.discovernjhistory.org](http://www.discovernjhistory.org)
- Alice Paul Institute: [www.alicepaul.org](http://www.alicepaul.org)
- New Jersey Women's History: [www.njwomenshistory.org](http://www.njwomenshistory.org)
- 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative: <https://www.2020centennial.org/>





# QUESTIONS

