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Re: March is National Women's History Month

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In 1987 the US Congress designated March as National Women's History Month. This creates a special opportunity in our schools, our workplaces, and our communities to recognize and celebrate the often-overlooked achievements of American women.

Each year there is a special Theme and women whose lives exemplify that theme are selected as Honorees.

The 2018 Theme for National Women's History Month is "**Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.**"

Throughout this year, we honor fifteen outstanding women for their unrelenting and inspirational persistence, and for understanding that, by fighting all forms of discrimination against women and girls, they have shaped America's history and our future. Their lives demonstrate the power of voice, of persistent action, and of believing that meaningful and lasting change is possible in our democratic society.

The 2018 National Women's History Honorees are:

Geraldine Ferraro (1935-2011) *Politician/First Woman Major Party VP Candidate & Human Rights Activist*

Pauli Murray (1910-1985) *Women's Rights/Civil Rights Activist, Attorney, Author, & Episcopal Priest*

Elizabeth Peratrovich (Kaaxal-gat) (1911-1958) *Political Activist for Alaska Natives, Spearheaded First Anti-Discrimination Law, USA*

Margaret Dunkle *Champion of Title IX*

Jill Moss Greenberg *Women's/Civil Rights Activist*

Cristina Jimenez *Immigrant (DREAMERs) Activist*

Marty Langelan *Anti-Violence/Anti-Harassment Activist*

Loretta Ross *Reproductive Justice Activist*

Linda Spoonster Schwartz *Women Veterans Activist*

Susan Burton *Criminal Justice Reform Leader*

Roma Guy *LGBT Rights/Healthcare Activist*

Saru Jayaraman *Labor/Restaurant Workers Activist*

Pat Maginnis *Abortion Rights Activist*

Arlene Mayerson *Disability Rights Attorney & Activist*

Angelica Salas *Immigrant Rights Activist*

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The National Women's History Project

Established in 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to the promotion and recognition of multicultural American women's history. NWHP led the successful Congressional campaign to recognize March as National Women's History Month. The NWHP has trained thousands of teachers on how to include women in the curriculums, and NWHP materials are used across the country in classrooms, government agencies, and civic organizations.