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Women's Vote Centennial

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Women's Vote Centennial Colorado FAQs

What is the Women's Vote Centennial Colorado?

The Women's Vote Centennial Colorado is a comprehensive statewide effort to examine, on the 100th anniversary of the largest voting-rights expansion in our nation's history, the importance of voting in our democracy. Launched from the steps of the State Capitol on Women's Equality Day 2019 (August 26), it is a year-long effort to engage 300,000 Coloradans—of all ages and backgrounds, in all 64 counties of the state—in dialogue surrounding the successful fight to extend voting rights beyond men throughout the entire United States. The Centennial is led by History Colorado, the governor-appointed members of the Women's Vote Centennial Commission, and you.

Didn't Colorado women achieve voting rights earlier than 1920?

Yes, and these rights were achieved by voters! In 1893, Colorado was the first state to outlaw, via ballot referendum, denying citizens the right to vote based on their sex. That said, neither Colorado's action in 1893 nor the federal government's amendment in 1920 afforded all women the ability to vote. The fight for women's voting rights continues far beyond 1920.

Why participate in the Women's Vote Centennial Colorado?

Because there is a powerful truth inherent in this history—that your vote does make a difference and that every vote counts—and we need your voice for it to be heard! You shape history every time you vote. We embrace this anthem never to support any partisan agenda but always to serve all Coloradans. The vision of our anthem is a future where Coloradans of every background and identity prosper.

Partnerships between local museums, libraries, clubs, schools, arts organizations and individuals statewide are the lifeblood of our initiative. Several organizations already participate in this grass-roots movement, including the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, Colorado Encyclopedia, Molly Brown House, League of Women Voters, and Territorial Daughters of Colorado.

How do I find out what events are scheduled?

Join our facebook group and visit our community calendar at cowomenscentennial.org to see events in your area.

Who do I contact if I want more information?

Call 303-620-4933 or email HC_COWomensHistory@state.co.us. The Center for Colorado Women's History is excited to hear from you!