

At Seneca Falls, New York, 300 women and men sign the Declaration of Sentiments, a plea for the end of discrimination against women.



Susan B. Anthony casts her first vote to test whether the 14th Amendment would be interpreted broadly to guarantee women the right to vote. She is convicted unlawful voting.



The largest suffrage parade to date marches down Fifth Avenue in New York City. 10,000 people, including perhaps some men, paraded past 150-500,000 onlookers.



Margaret Sanger, two years after opening a birth control clinic in Brooklyn, NY, wins her suit in the New York courts to allow doctors to advise their married patients about birth control for health purposes. The clinic, in conjunction with others, becomes Planned Parenthood in 1942.



The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution is ratified, ensuring the right of women to vote.

The first version of an Equal Rights Amendment is introduced. It says, 'Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction.'



The National Council of Negro Women was established in 1935. The Council was a vehicle to confront challenges unique to African American women, including racial discrimination and the ongoing fight for civil rights, that mainstream feminism did not adequately address.



Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama. Her arrest sparked a boycott that lasted a year and ended with the supreme court declaring racial segregation unconstitutional.

1848



1872



May 10 1913



1918



1920



1923



1935



December 1 1955



WE CAN NOT SUCCEED WHEN HALF OF US ARE HELD BACK."

Malala Yousafzai



1963



The Equal Pay Act is passed. It promises equitable wages for the same work, regardless of the race, color, religion, national origin or sex of the worker.

1971



Gloria Steinem, Bella Abzug, and Betty Friedan form the National Women's Political Caucus. It was founded to work tackle women's issues of the day. The same year Steinem cofounded and was editor of Ms.

1973



Landmark Supreme Court ruling Roe v. Wade makes abortion legal. The Supreme Court in a separate ruling bans sex-segregated 'help wanted' advertising.

1981



Sandra Day 'Connor becomes first woman to serve on the Supreme Court. This same year Lady Diana Spencer deletes the vow to 'obey' her husband as she marries Prince Charles.

1986



Prior to this year women had no recourse if their boss was sexually harassing them. We simply had to quit and seek employment elsewhere. In Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson, the Supreme Court determined that making repeated sexual references or advances in the workplace created a hostile work environment that amounted to discrimination on the basis of sex. Women could finally seek damages for sexual harassment

2009



President Obama signs his first bill into law. It was the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, named after a woman from Alabama, who at the end of her 19 year career complained that she had been paid less than her male coworkers for the same job. It protects those who face pay discrimination.

2017



Millions of woman march globally to defend their rights. The woman's movement has been reinvigorated. Congress has a record number of women, including it's first latina. The sexual harassment and assault allegations against men who are public figures sparks the #metoo movement.

