“Upon the Very Summit of Freedom”:

150 YEARS OF WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE IN WYOMING

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“We have been placed upon the very summit of freedom and the broad plain of universal equality.” – Therese Jenkins

On December 10, 1869, Governor John A. Campbell signed the Woman’s Suffrage Act into law. With the stroke of his pen, Wyoming Territory became the first in the nation to put all of its women on equal footing with men in the voting booth and in political office. 20 years later, universal suffrage became an integral part of the new state constitution, enabling Wyoming’s women to be the first in the nation to cast their vote for president. In 1920, Wyoming’s women joined in celebrating the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing the right of suffrage to all women across the United States.

Today, we celebrate these firsts and others that paved the way for women’s voices to be heard in the 21st century and beyond.