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"Failure Is Impossible." ~Susan B. Anthony

To celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Women's Right To Vote, Her Story invites you to join us for a special tea and luncheon on **Saturday, August 21st, from 11:00am to 1:00pm University Club of Denver** (1673 Sherman St., Denver, CO). This interactive event will feature Her Story co-authors presenting a visual timeline of the suffrage movement and live performances by local storytellers, including Susan Marie Frontczak of Storysmith.org, and members of Young Chautauquans -- Jessica Miller, Liesl Jensen, and Nicole Polglaze -- portraying:



- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Julia Ward Howe
- Caroline Churchill
- Alice Paul

Cost: \$35 and includes tea, luncheon and commemorative materials.

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We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you!

Sincerely,

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Writing Women Back Into History www.nwhp.org

Celebrating the 90th
Anniversary of Women's

Suffrage

"Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less."

~Susan B. Anthony

The 90th anniversary of women's suffrage occurs on August 26, 2010. How many of us actually celebrate this hard-earned civil right? It seems so long ago and so difficult to understand what the U.S. was like for women in the 19th century. Yes, there are names that many of us might recall. History recalls Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and many other organizers and participants in the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York.

The women and men who assembled there in July, 1848 knew the struggle to win women's right for women to vote would be a difficult one. We feel confident that there was not one person there who imagined that the fight would take 72 years! At the time the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1920, only one of the participants who was a child at that first convention in 1848 would be alive to see the results of the enormous efforts that women and men made to make the vote possible. It also seems quite astounding to share that in the last state to ratify the 19th Amendment, the decision would be decided by one vote: the man's mother encouraged him to vote for women's suffrage!

History has recorded about 85 names of women and men who spoke, marched, wrote and delivered speeches and yes were arrested for letting their viewpoints be known. They could not have envisioned that the women's suffrage movement would split into two factions, each with their own organization in 1869. The split was over the appropriate strategy to use to win the right to vote. One faction wanted to pursue women's suffrage state-by-state. The other faction felt that the only way to be successful was with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In 1890, the two factions were united and all appeared to understand that the only way to success was by pursuing both strategic avenues.

They would not have believed that it would require years of suffrage parades. One of those parades would be during the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson. Certainly, the suffragists would never have believed that leaders of the movement would be arrested, jailed, and beaten for their beliefs. All of these events are true, however, and demonstrate the passion, determination, and persistence of our foremothers.

We are so pleased to be able to celebrate 90 years of women's suffrage this August. We invite you to celebrate this significant achievement with us on **Saturday, August 21st at the University Club of Denver from 11:00am to 1:00pm.** Together, we will continue to celebrate and learn more about all of the women on whose shoulders we stand...

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