# **Vermontscapes March 2022**

Women's History Month (March) is a joint collaboration of the Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Gallery of Art, the National Park Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Its intent is to commemorate and encourage the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. It began in 1981 as a national celebration when Congress passed legislation that authorized and requested President Ronald Reagan to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week."

In 2004, the Vermont Commission on Women began the Vermont Women's History Project, whose mission was "to promote the understanding of the diverse experiences of women in Vermont history, and by doing so create a new perspective on history and culture that would have a positive effect on society's perceptions of women." In 2010, the Vermont Historical Society took ownership of all project materials and continued to host the research database on its website. Following are some images from their website.





### **Governor Madeleine Kunin signing the proclamation to**

### create Women's History Month (1988).





Five women and one man at loading dock of Cole Paper Mill, Putney (1908).





Members of the Tourist Club, a group of women that supported learning and self improvement, Barre (no date).







Lieutenant Governor Madeleine Kunin campaigning alongside Marcel Leahy (wife of Senator Patrick Leahy) and Joan Mondale (wife of presidential candidate Vice President Walter Mondale) leading up to the 1980 elections.



#### YOU CAN HAVE A PART IN THE NOMINATING PROCESS which

BEGINS in each community where-

POLITICAL PARTY CAUCUSES are held to elect delegates to---

STATE CONVENTION of each party where delegates are chosen for-

NATIONAL CONVENTION of each party where these delegates help to nominate candidates for---

PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT of the United States

#### IF YOU

Register to vote Attend the party caucus of your choice Vote at the caucus for those who will represent you

Your POLITICAL PARTY membership gives you a voice in the NOMINATING PROCESS for all offices, Local, State and National.

FIND OUT from your local political party leadership when the caucuses are to be held, or check with your Town Clerk.

#### FREEMAN'S OATH

"You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the State of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person."



Prepared in 1971 by the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VERMONT 80 St. Paul Street Burlington, Vermont 05401



### League of Women Voters of Vermont Guide to Voting,

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Jalities -1971 TO QUALIFY TO VOTE IN VERMONT, after July 1, 1971, you must:

- . Be a citizen of the United States
- 2. Be age 18 or over
- 3. Take the Freeman's Oath
- 4. Fulfill residency requirements as stated on next two pages
- 5. Complete a written form in quadruplet in the office of the Town Clerk certifying as to the length of time you have been a resident of that town\*
- 6. Have your name appear on the Check List
- 7. Show your naturalization papers if a naturalized citizen
- \* The Town Clerks must furnish these forms, retain one copy, file one with the Secretary of State, one with the Motor Vehicle Department, and one with the Tax Department within 30 days after being received.
- YOU CAN VOTE ABSENTEE

by requesting application form from Town Clerk not later than 9 p.m. the evening of the 4th day preceding the election. (Absentee ballots must be notarized.)

#### RESIDENCY REOUIREMENTS YOU CAN VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS:

NATIONAL

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Four Year Term President and Vice-President: electors for 1972 and 1976

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-30 Days** 

Six Year Term Two Senators: 1974, 1980, etc.; the other in 1976, 1982 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-90 Days

Two Year Term One Congressman: 1972, 1974, etc. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-90 Days** 

• STATE Two Year Term—1972 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-90 Days** COUNTY

Two Year Term Senator, Assistant Judges of County Court, Judge of Probate, State's Attorney, Sheriff, High Bailiff

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-90 Days** DISTRICT

Two Year Term Representative: one or more dependent on population

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-90 Days** 

### TOWN

Two Year Term Justices of Peace: number dependent on population **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-90 Days** 

LOCAL ELECTIONS — 1972

TOWN

One Year Term Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Constable, Town Agent, Grand Juror

Two or Three Year Term Selectmen, Auditors, Listers **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT-180 Days** 

Municinal Units-Villages, School Districts, Fire Districts, etc., may be municipal units within a town. They may operate under separate laws and officers; as School Directors who are officers of School Districts.

• IF YOU ARE A STUDENT

Your residency must be established through other means than merely being a student and residing in a dormitory. It would be wise to check with your Town, Village or City Clerk for additional information and rulings regarding Voter Registration and Requirements.

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Learn more about Vermont history at https://vermonthistory.org/.

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