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New Historic Marker Program Celebrates Women’s Suffrage History in United States

The National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites and William G. Pomeroy Foundation® Partner to Launch Marker Grant Program Supporting the National Votes for Women Trail

[City, State] – To celebrate the centennial of the passing of the 19th Amendment, the National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites (NCWHS) and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation have partnered to launch a new historic marker program commemorating the history of women’s suffrage in the United States.

The Pomeroy Foundation, which is a private, grant-making foundation based in Syracuse, N.Y., is providing grants through its National Women’s Suffrage Marker Grant Program to recognize historically significant people, places or things across the U.S. instrumental to women’s suffrage, which was a national movement involving a diversity of women and men from all walks of life.

Historic markers awarded through the program are highlighting sites on the National Votes for Women Trail (NVWT). Sponsored by the National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites, the National Votes for Women Trail seeks to recognize and celebrate the enormous diversity of people and groups active in the struggle for women’s suffrage. The Trail consists of two parts: 1) a database with digital map and 2) a program of historic markers for about 250 women’s suffrage sites across the country, funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and the federal Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission.

“The National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites is grateful to the Pomeroy Foundation for their generous support and partnership in helping bring alive through their National Women’s Suffrage Marker Grant Program the little known history of the women’s suffrage movement that significantly expanded democracy in the United States,” says NCWHS President Marsha Weinstein. “Communities are commemorating with the Pomeroy Foundation’s historic markers the places where local grassroots activity took place, thereby recognizing the remarkable efforts of the foremothers and forefathers who fought to win women the right to vote which will inspire women to vote today.”

“The Pomeroy Foundation is proud to partner with the National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites on this important effort to develop the National Votes for Women Trail,” says Paula Miller, Executive Director of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. “Helping to preserve

and celebrate history is one of our main initiatives at the Foundation. We wanted to do our part in recognizing the history behind this milestone occasion.”

If you have an idea for a historic marker to commemorate women’s suffrage in your community, please contact your NVWT State Coordinator to begin the nomination process: <https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail/state-coordinators/>. You can also contact the NCWHS directly: <https://ncwhs.org/about/contact-us/>. Municipalities, nonprofit academic institutions and 501(c)(3) organizations are especially encouraged to submit a nomination. Pomeroy Foundation marker grants are fully funded and cover the entire cost of a marker, pole and shipping. The local partner is responsible for installation of the marker.

About NCWHS

The National Collaborative for Women’s History Sites is a non-profit organization established to support and promote the preservation and interpretation of sites and locales that bear witness to women’s participation in American history. NCWHS is dedicated to making women’s contributions to history visible so all women’s experiences and potential are fully valued.

Visit: www.ncwhs.org

About the Pomeroy Foundation

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history; and to raising awareness, supporting research and improving the quality of care for patients and their families who are facing a blood cancer diagnosis. One of its initiatives is helping people to celebrate their community’s history. The Pomeroy Foundation meets this part of its mission by providing grants to obtain signage in the form of historic roadside markers and plaques. Since 2006, they have funded over 1,400 markers and plaques across the United States, all the way to Alaska. Visit:

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