



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Nozzolio Announces Opening of Capitol Exhibit Honoring Prominent New York Women

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Continuing his commemoration of March as Women's History Month, State Senator Mike Nozzolio today announced the opening of a special exhibit in the State Capitol honoring the unique struggles and many achievements of prominent women throughout New York's history, including the founders of the Women's Rights movement that began here in the Finger Lakes Region. "As the State Senator representing Seneca Falls, the birthplace of Women's Rights and home of the National Women's Hall of Fame, I am elated that the lives of the many extraordinary women who have shaped our State and Nation will now enjoy a new place of honor in our Capitol," said Senator Nozzolio. "From Susan B. Anthony to Elizabeth Cady Stanton to Harriet Tubman, women throughout our region and throughout New York State have played an integral role in making our State and Nation a better place to live and work for all citizens."

The exhibit, titled "From Seneca Falls to the Supreme Court: New York's Women Leading the Way," celebrates how New York women have played a central role in expanding civil rights and changing the course of history, from 1848 when the first Women's Rights convention was held in Seneca Falls, to

present day.

A total of 36 women will be featured in the display, including Finger Lakes Region natives Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who founded the movement to grant women the right to vote that led to the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The women who will be honored represent a variety of fields of accomplishments such as government, suffrage, education, labor, health care, social movements, and arts and literature.

“Today, women across New York State are leaders in business, science, government and higher education. This exhibit is an outstanding tribute to the inspiring women past and present who are guiding our State to a brighter future,” concluded Senator Nozzolio.

The new exhibit is part of ongoing efforts by the State Legislature and Governor Cuomo to highlight New York's history at the State Capitol.

For more information on the individuals and artifacts featured in the exhibit, visit [www.hallofgovernors.ny.gov](http://www.hallofgovernors.ny.gov).