



The National Women's History Project



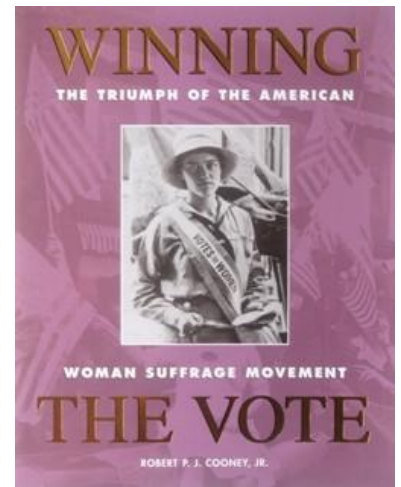
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Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of California Women Gaining the Right to Vote

On October 10th the GFWC Antelope- County Women's Club will be celebrating Women in California gaining the right to vote. The club women of the California Federation of Women's Clubs along with suffrage groups and politically skilled men waged an eight month "whirlwind campaign" to approve Amendment 8 on the ballot that enfranchised women. The solid strength of Southern California and the rural districts defeated the strong opposition of the San Francisco Bay Area.

This is also a celebration of the men who supported the right to vote for the mothers, sister and wives. This was very "radical" for these men to support the rights of women to right. Interestingly, California was the sixth western state to ratify women's right to vote. At this time only the western states had given women the right to vote.



On October 9th and 10th there will be several programs here in the Sacramento area at the Crest Theater, the Capitol History Museum, and the State Capitol. The National Women's History project has created a great newspaper called the CA WOMAN SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL GAZETTE. This is an excellent resource if you would like to learn more about California women gaining the right to vote. The newspaper has an article on the history of the movement and a section with the names of women who worked to gain the right to vote. All of us men and women should know more about these brave women and men. This great organization is located in Santa Rosa and they have a wonderful website www.nwhp.org. You may order an assortment of resource material as well as buttons, ribbons and posters.

