

# OBSERVANCE

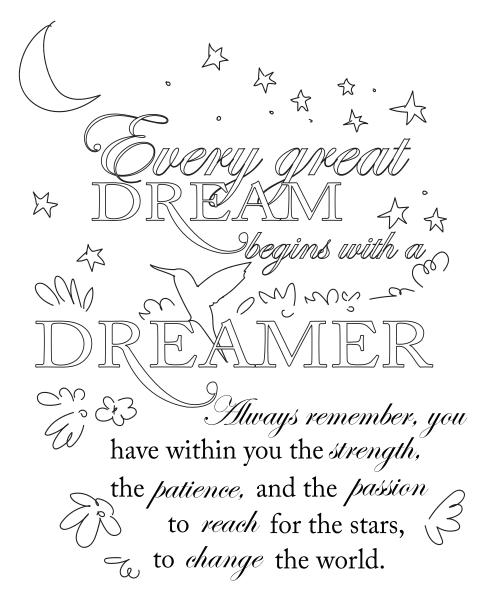
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# CONTINUING TO MAKE HISTORY



Seven women from the U.S. Navy recently made history when they conducted the first all-female pregame flyover at Super Bowl 2023.

The Navy flyover honored "50 years of women flying" for the maritime service branch, which began teaching women to fly in 1973.





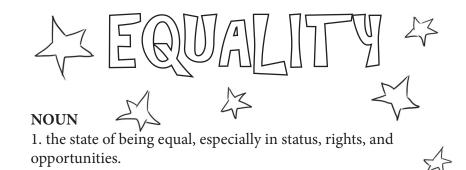


Since 1971, Women's Equality Day celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote on August 26, 1920.

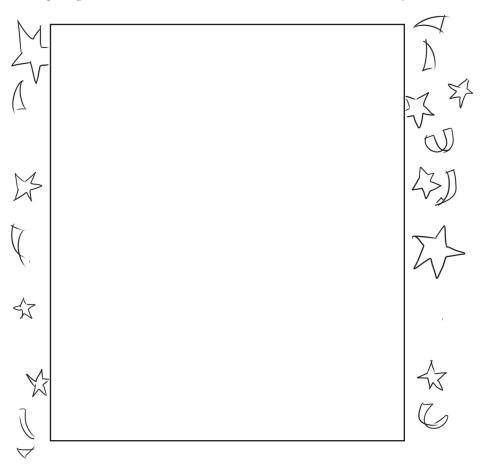
Women's Equality Day was originally designed to recognize the achievements of the women's suffrage movement within the U.S. Since then, it has expanded to reflect upon and honor the continual progress that has been made toward gender equality.

Over a hundred years later, women continue to open doors into areas where they were previously denied access or participation. Today, women leaders continue to strive for and inspire change for all.





## Design a poster that shows what EQUALITY looks like to you!



# Do **YOU** have a goal that you want to achieve? What is it? If your brother or sister, or a younger friend wanted to know what **DETERMINATION** meant, what would you tell them? What is one thing you can do to make sure you achieve your GOAL? How do you show your **DETERMINATION**?



The rules were clear when she was growing up, women were not allowed to fly U.S. military aircraft. That didn't stop *Captain Rosemary Bryant Mariner*.

She made it her goal to be as qualified as possible to fly in the Armed Services. She got her private pilot's license at 17. Then she got her aeronautics degree from Purdue University in 1972 when she was 19.

She was in the inaugural class of women who earned their Navy wings in 1973. Mariner then became the first woman to fly a tactical fighter jet in 1974, at just 21. In 1982, she was among the first women to serve aboard a U.S. Navy warship. In 1991, during the Gulf War, she became the first woman to command an aviation squadron. Later, she was instrumental in the repeal of combat exclusion restrictions on women.

She died in January 2019.

# Make Your Own Suffrage Sash



# What is suffrage?

Suffrage is the right to vote, or the act of exercising the right to vote. You can celebrate women's suffrage by making a suffrage sash just like those worn by suffragists in the 19th and 20th centuries.

### **Supplies:**

- sheets of white paper cut into long strips you can tape together
- tape
- scissors
- crayons, markers, or colored pencils

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Ask an adult to help you measure the length of your sash, so it fits you just right!
- 2. Write "Votes for Women" or your own slogan on the sash. Ask an adult if you need help.
- 3. Now decorate your sash!

## Did you know?

Suffragists used three colors on their sashes. Purple for courage, white for purity of purpose, and gold/yellow for enlightenment.

