



**Post Office Women for Equal Rights**  
**The Women's Committee of the**  
**American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO**  
1300 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Dear APWU POWER Sisters and Brothers,

February 2020, marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of President Jimmy Carter's issuing the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 as the first National Women's History Week. Despite their many contributions, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the teaching and study of American History.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, granting women the right to vote, was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919 and was ratified on August 18, 1920. This year's Women's History Month's theme, "**Valiant Women of the Vote,**" honors, "the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights and the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others."

Achieving the right to vote was a great victory. But, even though, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation, women continue to face discrimination on the basis of sex. The time has come for us to join together to fight against unequal pay, pregnancy discrimination, workplace harassment, and domestic violence. We must stand firm in our convictions and lobby Congress to put our agenda on the table and to pass legislation that is fair and equitable to women and working families.

We, the women of APWU POWER, will celebrate our heritage by wearing **white ribbons** throughout **Women's History Month**. We draw strength and inspiration from those women who came before us — and from those remarkable women working among us today. Please wear your ribbon with pride to show your support for the women who paved the way for each of us to enjoy the liberties that we have today.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** *We regret to inform you that due to financial constraints, we are only able to send one ribbon to each APWU POWER sister on our mailing list. Therefore, please don't call or write requesting more ribbons because additional ribbons are not available.*

APWU POWER thanks you for your support and for all that you do to promote and celebrate women's historic achievements. Remember, "*A Woman's Place is in Her Union!*" We hope to see you at an APWU POWER event in the near future. If we can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Yours in Union Solidarity,  
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