

Enrichment Activity Guide

March 2012



Sen. Barbara Mikulski

March 1 In 1981 Senator Barbara Mikulski and Utah Senator Orrin Hatch cosponsored the first Joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming a Women's History Week. In 1987 the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the celebration to the entire month of March.

March 6 Isabel Perón was the third wife of Argentinean President Juan Perón; she also served as his Vice President. Isabel became President when Juan Perón died in 1974 and served as President until March of 1976.

March 8 Florence Harding was the first First Lady to vote for her husband in the 1920 Presidential election.

March 9 President George Washington suffered from poor dental health. One set of his dentures, donated to the University of Maryland Dental School, was created from hippopotamus ivory and gold.

March 12 Sacajawea was a guide and interpreter for explorers Lewis and Clark.



First Lady Helen Taft

March 15 Girl Scouts of the USA was established in 1912. Today there are more than 3 million members.

March 16 In 1928 Amelia Earhart became the first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean in an airplane.

March 19 In 1912 Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo gifted 2,000 Japanese cherry trees to First Lady Helen Taft, wife of President Howard Taft.

March 22 First Lady Martha Washington was honored with an 8-cent stamp in 1902.

March 23 Sandra Day O'Connor took her seat on the U.S. Supreme Court in 1981. Today there are three women on the court.

March 26 Jeanette Rankin of Montana was elected to Congress in 1916, even before women had the right to vote.

March 28 In 1983 Dr. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space. She served as a mission specialist on STS-7.



Dr. Sally Ride



Rep. Jeanette Rankin