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Recognizing the women who have served Alaska as state or territorial legislators and celebrating 100 years of women serving as state legislators.

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## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

**WHEREAS** the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc., which serves as the educational arm of the National Order of Women Legislators, the oldest professional association for women legislators in the country, is coordinating state, regional, and national celebrations to commemorate the 100 years that women have served in state legislatures; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 1895, the first three women were sworn in to serve as state legislators, before American women even had the universal right to vote; and

**WHEREAS** this centennial is being celebrated through the United States to promote public knowledge and awareness of women in state history; and

**WHEREAS** the following women are current or past members of the Alaska State Legislature or the Alaska Territorial Legislature:

Awes, Dorothy J.	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1957
Banfield, Mildred H.	State Senate (District D, appointed)	1963-1965
	State House (District 4)	1967-1975
Barnes, Doris M.	Territorial House (1st Division)	1949, 1951

	Territorial Senate (1st Division)	1953, 1955
Barnes, Ramona L.	State House (District 10, 14-A, 22)	1979-1985; 1987-present
Beirne, Helen D.	State House (District 8, 10, 11)	1969-1971; 1973-1977
Branson, Margaret	State House (District 5)	1979-1981
Brown, Kay	State House (District 12-A, 15)	1987-present
Bruckman, Betty	State House (District 8-A)	1991-1993
Buchholdt, Thelma	State House (District 9)	1975-1983
Bullock, Edith	Territorial House (2nd Division)	1953, 1955
	Territorial Senate (2nd Division)	1957
Cato, Bette M.	State House (District 5, 6)	1981-1989 (resigned)
Chance, Genie	State House (District 8, 7)	1969-1975
	State Senate (District E)	1975-1977
Collins, Virginia M.	State House (District 10-B)	1985-1991
	State Senate (District F-B)	1991-1993
Craft, Shirley	State Senate (District K-B, appointed)	1991-1993
Cross, Bess	Territorial House (2nd Division)	1945
Dale, Essie	Territorial House (4th Division)	1949
Davis, Bettye	State House (District 14-B, 21)	1991-present
Davis, Cheri	State House (District 1-B)	1989-1993
DeVries, Edna B.	State Senate (District E-B)	1985-1987
Dimock, Barbara	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1953
Engstrom, Thelma	Territorial House (1st Division)	1947
Fahrenkamp, Bettye M.	State Senate (District O, K-B)	1979-1991(died)
Faiks, Jan	State Senate (District E-B, F-B)	1983-1991
Fischer, Helen M.	State House (District 10, 8, 12)	1959-1961; 1971-1976
		(resigned)
	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1957
Garnick, Anita	Territorial House (1st Division)	1947
	Territorial Senate (1st Division)	1949, 1951
Green, Lyda	State Senate (District N)	1995-present
Gunderson, Amelia	Territorial House (1st Division)	1949, 1951

Hanley, Alyce	State House (District 9-B)	1985-1991
Herrmann, Adelheid	State House (District 26)	1983-1989
Hurley, Katie	State House (District 16-A)	1985-1987
Itta, Brenda T.	State House (District 21)	1975-1977
James, Jeannette	State House (District 34)	1993-present
Jenne, Crystal	Territorial House (1st Division)	1941, 1943
Johnson, Grace A.	State House (District 23, appointed)	1962-1963
Kelley, Ramona M.	State House (District 8)	1975-1977
Lacher, Barbara	State House (District 16-A)	1983-1985
Lincoln, Georgianna	State House (District 24)	1991-1993
	State Senate (District R)	1993-present
Linck, Alaska	Territorial House (4th Division)	1943, 1945
Little, Suzanne	State Senate (District D)	1993-1995
MacLean, Eileen Panigeo	State House (District 22, 37)	1989-present
Masek, Beverly	State House (District 28)	1995-present
McSmith, Blanche L.	State House (District 10, appointed)	1960-1961
Miller, Jo Ann	State House (District 7)	1973-1975
Miller, Mary	State House (District 15-A)	1991-1993
Munson, Joyce	State House (District 11)	1979-1981
Nicholia, Irene	State House (District 36)	1993-present
Ostrosky, Kathryn	State House (District 7)	1975-1977
Pearce, Drue	State House (District 9-A)	1985-1989
	State Senate (District G-A, F)	1989-present
Phillips, Gail	State House (District 5-B, 7)	1991-present
Pinkerton, Lucille	State House (District 1)	1965-1967
Poland, Kathryn "Kay"	State Senate (District G, L, appointed in 1970, elected in 1971)	1970-1979
Prior, Dorothy	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1953
Robinson, Caren	State House (District 4)	1995-present
Rudd, Lisa	State House (District 11, appointed in 1976, elected in 1977)	1976-1979

Ryan, Irene E.	State Senate (District E)	1959-1961
	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1955, 1957
Salo, Judy	State House (District 5-B, appointed)	1990-1991
	State Senate (District E)	1993-present
Scott, Nell	Territorial House (3rd Division)	1937
Smith, Sarah J. "Sally"	State House (District 20)	1977-1983
Spohnholz, Ann M.	State House (District 13-A, interim appointee)	1989
Sturgulewski, Arliss	State Senate (District H, F-A)	1979-1993
Sullivan, Susan	State House (District 8)	1975-1977
Sweeney, Dora M.	State House (District 5, 4)	1959-1965
	Territorial House (1st Division)	1955
Tischer, Mae	State House (District 11-B)	1983-1985
Toohey, Cynthia	State House (District 13)	1993-present
Ulmer, Fran	State House (District 3, 4-B)	1987-1994
Wallis, F. Kay	State House (District 24)	1985-1991; and

**WHEREAS** these women have represented their communities and the state with diligence and enthusiasm; and

**WHEREAS** the knowledge, expertise, and wise leadership of these women have been and continue to be valuable tools to carry Alaska into the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS** these women deserve recognition for their outstanding contributions to the state and their accomplishments as America's true "timeless pioneers";

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature extends its sincerest appreciation to all of the women who have unselfishly served Alaska as state or territorial legislators, and recognizes and joins in the 100th Year Celebration of Women in State Legislatures.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the legislators identified in this resolution or to the families of those legislators who are deceased, and to the National Foundation for Women Legislators, Inc.