

Abigail Adams - “Remember the Ladies”

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This year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women’s constitutional right to vote.

No one would have celebrated women obtaining the vote more than Abigail Adams. She was the wife of John Adams, the second President of the United States, as well as the mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth President.

In the spring of 1776, Abigail



Second President
John Adams

Adams wrote to her husband, John Adams, “Remember the Ladies”... “Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice or representation.”

John Adams replied, “Depend upon it, we know better than to repeal our masculine systems, We have only the name of masters, and rather than give up this, which would completely subject us to the despotism of the petticoat, I hope General Washington, and all our brave heroes would fight.”

When the nation began in 1776, women weren’t wage earners. They didn’t attend school. They didn’t vote.

Today women make up slightly more than half of the workforce. College-educated women have surpassed college-educated men in the workforce. Women make up 29.5 million of the college-educated in the workforce compared to 29.3 million men.

Women heeded Abigail’s call to “Remember the Ladies” and started

that rebellion to gain the right to vote. They started with the first Women’s Rights Convention in 1848 and continued with women suffragettes lobbying for the 19th Amendment, which was ratified in

1920.

Abigail Adams would have approved of the life of women of today, pursuing education, entering the workplace, and especially voting.



First Lady Abigail Adams

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