

POLICY & PROGRESS TIMELINE



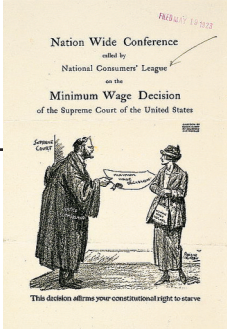
Colonial America
Feme Sole Trader Acts allowed married women to engage in commerce



1767
Daughters of Liberty formed to support the colonial cause by boycotting English goods



1774
Edenton Proclamation — 51 North Carolina women declared their political rights



1809
First patent to a woman, Mary Dixon Kies, for process of weaving straw with silk for millinery

Early Indicators



1830-1880:
The Industrial Revolution

- Abolition of primogeniture; women can inherit property
- Codification of women's rights through state laws
- Women can now inherit, own property, and in most states, negotiate contracts

1890
National Women's Suffrage Association organized

1919
National Federation of Business and Professional Women founded

1920
Nineteenth Amendment allowed women to vote

1923
Equal Rights Amendment introduced to Congress

1953
Small Business Act created SBA

1958
Small Business Act made SBA a permanent independent agency



Age of the Entrepreneurial Woman

1960s



1961 Commission on the Status of Women established

1961 Kennedy Exec Order 10925, non-discrimination in federal contracting

1963 Equal Pay Act

1964 Civil Rights Act

1965 Executive Order 11246 added women and veterans to the non-discrimination standards for federal contracting

1968 Consumer Credit Protection Act and Truth in Lending Act

1970s



1972 Title IX of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act

1972 Equal Rights Amendment passed (never ratified)

1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act

1975 National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) founded

1977 Economic Census added gender

1978 P.L. 95-507, 8(a) program and Preferential Procurement Goals

1978 President's Interagency Task Force on Women's Business Ownership

1979 Carter Executive Order 12138; established the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise and the Office of Women's Business Ownership at SBA

1980s



1984 Civil Rights Restoration Act

1986 NAWBO power exercised in White House Conference on Small Business

1988 Women's Business Ownership Act, HR 5050 passes

1989 National Foundation for Women Business Owners (now Center for Women's Business Research) established

1990s

1994 Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act – 5% procurement goals

1996 Women's Pre-Qualification Loan Program

1997 Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) founded

1999 Women's Business Centers Sustainability Act

2000s

2000 SBA Reauthorization Act redefines procurement goals for Women Owned Businesses

2001 Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) founded

2002 Federal Contracting Unbundling Initiative

2003 Women's Small Business Improvement Act (pending)