

Declaration and Pledge  
of the Women of the United States  
concerning their Right to, and their Use of  
the Elective Franchise

We the undersigned believing that the sacred rights and privileges of citizenship in this Republic were guaranteed to us by the original Constitution of the United States, and that these rights are confirmed and more clearly established by the Fourteenth & Fifteenth Amendments, so that we can no longer refuse the solemn responsibilities thereof, do hereby pledge ourselves to accept the duties of the franchise in our several States, so soon as all legal restrictions are removed.

And believing that character is the best safeguard of national liberty, we pledge ourselves to make personal purity and integrity of candidates for public office the first test of fitness.

And, lastly, believing in God as the Supreme Author of the American Declaration of Independence, we pledge ourselves in the spirit of that memorable Act to work hand in hand with our fathers, husbands, and sons for the maintenance of those equal rights on which our Republic was originally founded, to the end that it may have, what is declared to be the first condition of just government, "the consent of the governed."

[Portrait and signature of Isabella Beecher Hooker]

1871	Elizabeth Cady Stanton	New York
	Lucretia Mott	Philadelphia
	Maria Mott Davis	"
	Julia Ward Howe	Boston
	Abby Hutchinson Patton	New-York N.Y.
	Laura De Force Gorden	California
	Rachel C. Mather	Beaufort, So. Carolina
	Paulina Wright Davis	Providence RI
	Josephine S. Griffing	Washington D.C.
	Isabella Beecher Hooker	Hartford Conn.

Susan B. Anthony	Rochester N.Y.
Ruth Carr Denison	Washington D.C.
Mary E. Walker, M.D. (?)	Washington D.C.
Marie Howland	Hammonton, N.J.

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The Declaration and Pledge of the Women of the United States concerning their Political Rights and Duties,

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