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### **Grey House Publishing announces the Fourth Edition of *From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Fourth Edition of *From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues*. A valuable reference, *From Suffrage to the Senate* provides an overview of American women's roles in politics, with a look at the women themselves through profiles of the legislation they helped craft and a review of the issues of debate in which they participated.

It is undeniable that women's participation in government and politics is a classic American rags-to-riches story, and an ongoing one at that. From the earliest days of our nation's formation, women have struggled and fought for greater participation and consideration in the political arena. Historically thought of and treated as second-class citizens, many intelligent, brave and persistent women have contributed to the breaking down of barriers keeping women from realizing their true potential as an informed, powerful and active force in American society and politics. Today, twenty-five women Senators and 102 women Representatives serve in Congress, more than ever before. The women of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress add more than gender diversity: they add racial diversity. Twenty-two women are black, thirteen are Latina, 8 are Asian Pacific Islander, 2 are Native American, 1 is Middle Eastern/North African, and 1 is multi-racial. The total number of women in Congress tops at 127, thus setting a new record for women's participation in government.

In addition to running for public office in unprecedented numbers, women, not all necessarily feminists, have made their voices heard through social media. Two major examples are the #metoo movement and #youknowme. The #metoo movement has involved women of every level of the social, political, and economic spectrum. These women have rejected the social shame of being a victim of sexual violence, from a man groping a woman to raping her. Through #metoo, women from all backgrounds have revealed their experiences, supported each other, and exposed celebrities, politicians, and the other powerful men who have harassed and attacked them.

It is at this juncture that we are pleased to present this two-volume 2019 Edition, featuring updated and expanded profiles, as well as the addition of over 100 new entries.

*From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues* begins with a Publisher's Note and an Introduction. Following these sections are the entries. Entries in Volume 1 range from A to N, and include such important figures as: Abigail Adams, Madeleine

Albright, Donna Brazile, Rachel Carson, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Angela Davis, Andrea Dworkin, Betty Friedan, Kirsten Gillibrand, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Julia “Butterfly” Hill, Molly Ivins, Coretta Scott King, Wilma Mankiller, and Carol Moseley Braun. Volume 1 also features entries on: American Civil Liberties Union, Black Women’s Health Imperative, Concerned Women for America, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Feminist Majority Foundation, RU-486 (Mifepristone), Ms. Magazine, National Organization for Women, and National Woman Suffrage Association.

Volume 2 contains entries from O to Z, including biographical sketches of: Michelle Obama, Sandra Day O’Connor, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Rosa Parks, Nancy Pelosi, M. Jodi Rell, Janet Reno, Condoleezza Rice, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Gloria Steinem, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Tubman, Christine Todd Whitman and Mary Wollstonecraft. Other entries cover topics such as: Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, Peace Movement, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, Quaker Women, Racial Discrimination, Roe v. Wade, Seneca Falls Convention, Sex Discrimination, Triangle Shirtwaist Company Fire, Violence Against Women Act of 1994, 2000 and 2005, and Women’s Liberation Movement.

Volume 2 also contains two Appendices. The first is an appendix of documents, divided into thirteen sections, covering five major categories: Women’s Rights, Political Parties and Agenda, Racism and Discrimination, Presidential Appointees, and Women in the Military. These sections are made up of reproductions of articles, speeches, declarations, announcements, open letters and other assorted documents that make up the canon of American political thought as it relates to women, from all eras of history. Relevant documents from Appendix 1 are referenced throughout the book at the end of entries, making it easy to use them as supplemental material.

The second appendix contains a Chronology, a Bibliography and an Index. Both the Chronology and the Bibliography have been extensively updated and expanded for this new second edition.

Given that many of the entries in *From Suffrage to the Senate, America’s Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues* deal with controversial issues, every effort has been made to present these topics without prejudice. In order to do so, the editor has used the language and terminology favored by the group to describe itself and its positions on issues.

As you can see, this 2-Volume set is a thorough and comprehensive compendium of biographies, court cases, legislation, organizations and movements that have been undertaken by and for American women. This thorough reference resource will be an indispensable addition to any library and will enrich any curriculum, whether taught by a university women’s studies department or a high school American history teacher.

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