WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Rock Stars
PROFESSOR
SALLY RIDE

THE FIRST
AMERICAN WOMAN
IN SPACE
MARY McLEOD BETHUNE

FOUNDED BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE

EST. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN
ELIZABETH BLACKWELL, MD

THE FIRST LICENSED WOMAN DOCTOR IN THE US
Professor Chien-Shiung Wu disproved the conservation of parity (Physics)
Professor Tayhas Palmore

The first woman full professor in engineering at Brown University
CLARA HARLOWE BARTON

FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

FIRST FULL-TIME CLERK IN THE US PATENT OFFICE
Rachel Carson

Her book, Silent Spring, sparked controversy and proved how much harm resulted from the use of pesticides.
PROFESSOR MARIA MITCHELL

FIRST DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN ASTRONOMER
Professor Ellen Churchill Semple

Famous American Geographer
Jocelyn Elders, MD

First African-American Female US Surgeon General
MARY ANN SHAD CARY

FIRST BLACK WOMAN JOURNALIST
Laura Keene

First woman to manage her own theatre and theatrical company

Her production was playing at Ford’s Theatre the night Lincoln was assassinated
Harriet Wilson

Authored first novel by an African-American published in the US (1859)
Belva Lockwood
First woman admitted to appear before the Supreme Court and argue a case
ANNA WEBB

RESPONSIBLE FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION BANNING POLYGAMY IN THE TERRITORIES IN 1882
ANNIE SMITH PECK

FIRST WOMAN TO REACH THE PEAK OF THE MATTERHORN
FANNIE MERRIT FARMER
HEAD OF BOSTON COOKING SCHOOL
PUBLISHED ONE OF THE FIRST COOKBOOKS
Lillian Wald

Organized multi-national peace march (1914)

Organized and taught nurses on NYC’s Lower East Side
JEANETTE RANKIN
FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO CONGRESS (MONTANA, 1916)
DOROTHY ARZNER

INVENTED THE
BOOM MICROPHONE
Alice Coachman

First African-American woman to win Olympic gold

High Jump (1948)
DOROTHY DANDRIDGE

FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE NOMINATED FOR BEST ACTRESS ACADEMY AWARD

AND APPEAR ON THE COVER OF LIFE MAGAZINE
Luisa Moreno

Won the right of women to attend universities in Guatemala

Organized Latina workers in the US
Bernice Gera
Professional baseball's first female umpire
Diane Crump

First female jockey to ride in the Kentucky Derby
Janet Guthrie
First female to compete in the Indy 500
Shirley Chisholm
First African-American woman elected to Congress (1969)
ALISON STEELE
FIRST FEMALE RADIO DISK JOCKEY
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
First Jewish Female Supreme Court Justice
Elaine L. Chao

First Asian-American woman to be appointed to a President’s cabinet

24th Secretary of Labor
Mary Walker

First (and only) woman to receive the Medal of Honor, the highest military award given by the US government
MARY KIES

FIRST WOMAN TO BE ISSUED A US PATENT (1809)

PATENT FOR A TECHNIQUE FOR WEAVING STRAW WITH SILK AND THREAD TO MAKE BONNETS.
MARIE CURIE

FIRST WOMAN TO WIN A NOBEL PRIZE