



On March 3, 1913, the Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority performed their first public act of service, as the founders marched in the Woman Suffrage Procession down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. This act of service did not happen without significant challenges and, due to the prevalence of segregation at the time, almost did not happen at all.

*"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." -Susan B. Anthony*

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# Celebration of Susan B. Anthony's 204th birthday

Presented by The Friends of Susan B. Anthony



**February 18, 2024**  
**Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center**  
**Gainesville, Florida**

## Honoring Black Suffragists

The Friends of Susan B. Anthony honors the courage and tenacity of African-American suffragists who faced both racism and gender bias in their advocacy of women's right to vote. Their struggle and contributions to the suffrage movement have been too often overlooked. While not a complete list, below are some of the most prominent black women suffragists who fought fiercely for equality and justice:

**Francis Ellen Watkins Harper:** An abolitionist and women's suffrage leader who became one of the first persons to popularize African-American protest poetry.

**Isabella Bomfree (Sojourner Truth):** Formerly enslaved, she was the most prominent of the Black women's rights advocates. A popular lecturer, she is known for her "Ain't I a Woman?" speech.

**Ida B. Wells-Barnett:** A prominent journalist, activist, and researcher, she battled sexism, racism, and violence in the late 19th and early 20th century and used her writing skills to reveal the conditions under which African-Americans lived in the South.

**Mary Church Terrell:** A key activist in the suffrage movement, she was one of the first African-American women to graduate from college. She was one of the founders of the National Association of Colored Women and helped desegregate restaurants in Washington, D.C.

**Daisy Elizabeth Adams Lampkin:** She spent her life struggling for women's suffrage and was president of the Lucy Stone Women's Suffrage League in 1915.

**Nannie Helen Burroughs:** An educator, church leader and active suffragist, she co-founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Women.

**Sarah Parker Remond:** Born in 1824, an abolitionist and speaker for the American Anti-Slavery Society, she advocated for voting rights through her whole life both in the U.S. and internationally.

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.:** A group of collegiate Black women who organized at Howard University in 1913. They withstood heckling, spitting, and physical trauma to participate in the first Suffragist Parade.

For more info, please see: <https://women.ca.gov/women-of-color-and-the-fight-for-womens-suffrage/>



### Program

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### Welcome

**Jeanna Mastodicasa**

### Tribute to Black Suffragists

**Crystal Goodison**

### Music by Resonance

*Resonance* is an *a capella* ensemble based in Gainesville, Florida. Their eclectic repertoire includes spirituals, folk, classical, pop, and oldies. Find them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/resonanceacapella](http://www.facebook.com/resonanceacapella) or send email to [resonancecapellaband@gmail.com](mailto:resonancecapellaband@gmail.com)

### Special Appearance by Susan B. Anthony

**June Littler**

### Announcement

**Save the Date:**

**Women's Equality Day Luncheon  
August 24th, 2024**

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