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Shortly after moving to Salina, Johns and her husband worked with the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association to secure the municipal suffrage bill of 1887. At the state convention that same year, Johns proposed the yellow ribbon as the badge of suffrage, in honor of Kansas' sunflower. The National Association later adopted the symbol, recognizing Kansas as the most progressive state for women. Johns also campaigned actively for the 1894 Kansas women's suffrage amendment.