

# Women's History Month

## Kansans Breaking Barriers



**Minnie Tamar Johnson Grinstead**  
First female elected to the Kansas state legislature (1918)



**Patricia Solander**  
First woman elected to the Kansas Senate (1928)



**Kathryn Ellen O'Loughlin McCarthy**  
First Kansas woman elected to U.S. Congress (1932)



**Nancy Landon Kassebaum**  
First woman elected to represent Kansas in the U.S. Senate (1978)



**Joan Finney**  
First woman elected governor of Kansas (1990)



**Ruby Gilbert**  
Appointed for the 1992 session, one of the first two African American women elected to the Kansas House. (1992)



**Barbara W. Ballard**  
One of the first two African American women elected to the Kansas House. (1992)



**Delia Garcia**  
First Hispanic woman elected to the Kansas House (2004)



**Oletha Faust-Goudeau**  
First African American woman elected to the Kansas Senate (2008)



**Ponka-We Victors**  
First Native American woman elected to the Kansas House (2010)



**Susan Wagle**  
First woman elected Kansas Senate president (2012)



**Sharice Davids**  
First Native American woman and openly-gay person to represent Kansas in U.S. Congress (2018)