



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Parker Celebrates March As Women's History Month

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*Parker Reflects on New York's Contributions to Empowerment,*

*Looks Forward to Continuing to Expand Equality and Justice for Women*

(Brooklyn, NY) "One hundred years ago this week, 5,000 women marched up Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., demanding the right to vote," said Senator Kevin Parker (D-Brooklyn). "That march was the first civil rights march to use Washington, D.C., and can be traced directly back to the 1848 Women's Rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York."

Women's History Month is celebrated in March to correspond with International Women's Day, which is today, March 8th, and was first celebrated 102 years ago in 1911. We use this important celebration to reflect on how women have shaped our society, government, culture and all aspects of our lives, as well as to raise awareness about the inequalities that remain.

This year's theme for Women's History Month is Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, a theme that was created by a woman from Johnstown, New York. The state has been a haven for woman-entrepreneurs and business people since the 17th Century, and continues to be highly supportive of woman-entrepreneurs and women's achievements.

"In addition to the Seneca Falls Conference, New York has been a central part of women's history through nurturing giants such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, and by playing a role in key events in women's history," continued the Senator. "I am proud of New York's historic support for women and women's rights, and look forward to continuing to expand the legacy of equality and justice passed down to us from the struggles of our mothers and grandmothers."

National Women's History Month has been officially celebrated in the month of March since 1987. For information and local Women's History Month events please go to:

<http://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

About Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 constituents in Flatbush, East Flatbush,

Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope. He is the Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.

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