

Arizona Gave Women the Right to Vote Years Before the Nation, But Not Without a Fight

As we celebrate the ratification of the 19th Amendment this week, it is good to remember what while that amendment made women's suffrage universal for citizens of the United States, a number of territories and states had already granted suffrage rights to women by 1920.

Wyoming was the first to grant women the right to vote in its territorial constitution, in 1869. The Utah Territory did so a year later. When Wyoming and Utah gained statehood, in 1890 and 1896 respectively, their state constitutions contained women's suffrage provisions.

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