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The year 2020 marks an important moment of victory in women's fight to gain legal, social, economic, and personal status in the United States: the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment. Securing the vote was a foundational moment in women's struggle to break gender, social, and domestic barriers to gain equity and equality in education, in law, in the workplace, in financial affairs, and beyond.

The 19th amendment became the law of the land on August 26, 1920. Although it extended the vote to women, it didn't grant voting rights for all. It would take 45 more years until both Black men and women and many Native Americans received the right to vote. And the fight for voting rights and equity continues today, reminding us that the march toward an inclusive democracy, freedom, and social justice has farther to go.

There are many more founding events in the fight for self-determination for North Carolina women. This timeline shares just a small selection of these barrier breaking and game-changing moments.