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ICYMI: Women’s History Month – Looking Forward To The Day Gender Isn’t An Issue

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Trenton, NJ – In case you missed the activities going on across New Jersey during Women’s History Month, it’s not too late to get involved. Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno today emphasized that, while Women’s History Month is an important time to remember the women leaders of the past, women should be judged on their merit, not their gender.

“As we mark the 35th anniversary of Women’s History Month, we look back to women who have been particularly strong role models and look forward to the day women are judged on their ability rather than their gender,” said Lt. Governor Guadagno. “Knowing the powerful true stories of women in our society challenges stereotypes and expands what is considered possible for tomorrow’s leaders.”

Women’s History Month events held throughout March included:

Dress Our Vets – Supporting Veterans Suiting Up for the Civilian Workforce

To kick off Women’s History Month, the Lt. Governor invited New Jersey’s women legislators to join her in collecting donations for Suiting Warriors Foundation, which provides new and gently-used suits and professional clothing to veterans entering the civilian workforce. Collection boxes are available at the State House and at the District Offices of participating legislators. More information on donating is available [here](#).

Million Women Mentors – Giving Young Women the Encouragement to Succeed in STEM

While women comprise 48% of the United States workforce, they fill just 24% of STEM jobs. Million Women Mentors, chaired in New Jersey by Lt. Governor Guadagno, aspires to recruit 6,000 STEM mentors by 2018. Individuals, corporations and community organizations are encouraged to consider sharing their time and expertise as mentors for girls and women pursuing STEM education and careers. More information on getting involved is available [here](#).

NJBIZ 50 Best Women in Business – Recognizing Leaders in the State’s Business Community

Every year, NJBIZ highlights 50 women in senior management positions throughout the State. Nominees come from every industry and are selected based on professional accomplishments, community involvement and advocacy for women in business. Read more about the event and the Lt. Governor’s tips for success [here](#).

The home of innovators like Alice Paul, Ida Rosenthal, Alice Parker, Elizabeth Coleman White and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, New Jersey is no stranger to women leading the way in business and industry. There are approximately 223,400 women-owned businesses in New Jersey with 258,000 employees and sales revenues exceeding \$43 million annually. Currently, women run each of the agencies associated with New Jersey’s Partnership for Action, the state’s four-pronged public-private approach to economic development that works to strengthen New Jersey’s economy and create sustainable jobs.

The Lt. Governor added, “I look forward to the day we no longer need to talk about gender but can talk about success in terms of ability in whatever path a woman, or a man, chooses to follow.”

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