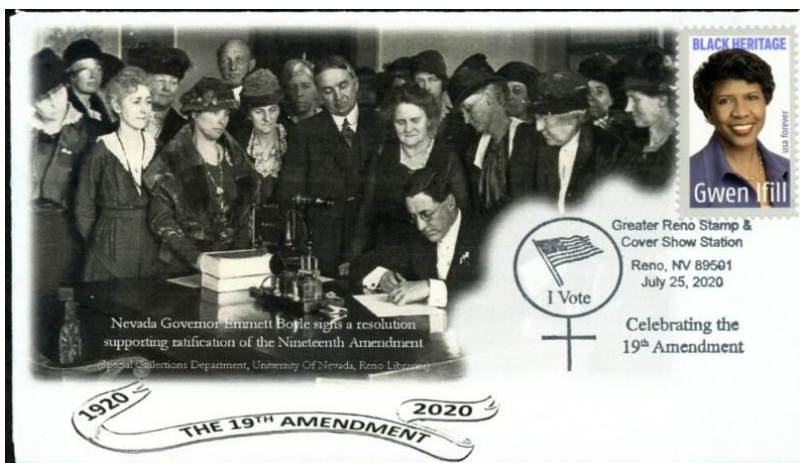


## Autographed Cover with Nevada's Women Senators

By Harvey Edwards

One of the special stamp show cancels approved by the USPS for our July stamp show was applied to covers on July 25, 2020 using the Gwen Ifill stamp issued earlier this year. The back of the cover had a brief history of Nevada Suffrage. Here is the story about obtaining all the signatures of the women serving in the NV senate. No legislative session is scheduled in the even years. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic the governor called for a special session in July and a few weeks later another special session to deal with severe budget shortfalls.



The 31<sup>st</sup> Special Session of the Nevada Legislature had already adjourned and I was lamenting to my neighbor, Peggy, about how great it would have been to have gotten the women of the legislature to sign my souvenir cover celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote.

Peggy then told me that Senator Julia Ratti (the Assistant Majority Leader) had stayed with them during the July special session and that she would be staying with them for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Special Session that Governor Sisolak had recently announced. Peggy offered to talk with Senator Ratti about autographing the cover.

Peggy called me the morning of August 1<sup>st</sup> and asked me to bring the cover over, which I did. After a brief discussion with the senator, she said she thought she might be able to get the other women senators to sign the cover. Early the next week Peggy brought the cover back signed by all the NV women senators and Lt. Governor Kate Marshall, who presides over the senate.

What a gem of a cover!

Signed by Nevada senators:

Nicole J. Cannizzaro (Majority Leader)

Julia Ratti (Asst. Majority Leader)

Marilyn Dondero Loop

Yvanna D. Cancela

Melanie Scheible

Heidi Seevers Gansert

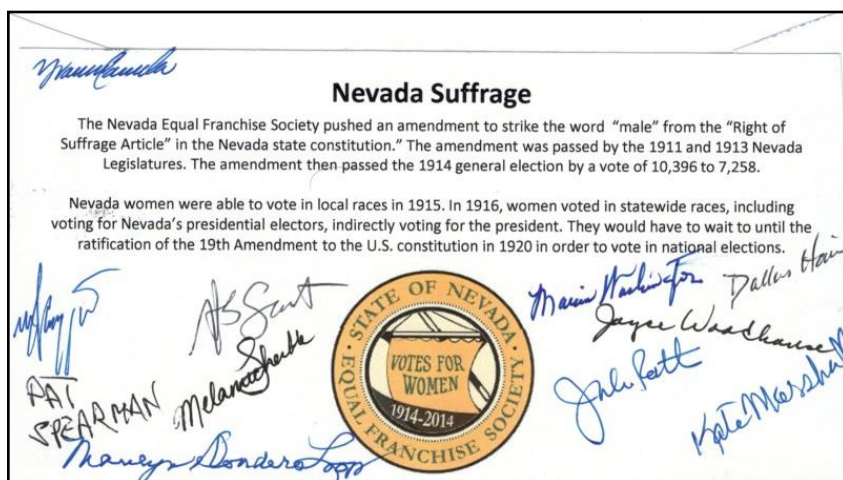
Patricia (Pat) Spearman

Marcia L. Washington

Joyce Woodhouse

Dallas Harris

And Lt Governor Kate Marshal



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