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Wyoming Declares 2019 the "Year of Wyoming Women" as it Celebrates 150th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

December 10, 2018-Cheyenne, Wyoming- Ahead of the new year, the <u>Wyoming Office of</u> <u>Tourism</u> (WOT) today announced 2019 as the "Year of Wyoming Women," as the state prepares to celebrate the <u>150th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage</u>. On December 10, 1869, Wyoming territory passed the first law in United States history granting women the right to vote and hold public office - more than 50 years prior to the U.S. ratification of the 19th amendment.

With the milestone anniversary, Wyoming wants to encourage travelers to <u>plan a visit</u> to celebrate the history and the strong women of today. From Cheyenne to Rock Springs and Jackson to Sheridan, the state will mark the anniversary with activities, events, retreats and must-visit historic destinations that commemorate the spirit of Wyoming as the first frontier for women.

"We are proud to declare 2019 the 'Year of Wyoming Women,' as the home of many firsts for women in the country and the world," Diane Shober, executive director of Wyoming Office of Tourism. "Determination, resiliency and the pioneering spirit is built into the DNA of the West, so it's no surprise to me that the strong women of Wyoming helped to pave the way for women's suffrage. With significant events, including our state Capitol building reopening this coming summer, Wyoming is truly a top destination for travelers next year."

To help travelers plan their next Wyoming getaway, Wyoming has compiled suggestions