

Isabella Beecher Hooker

Declaration and Pledge of the

Women of the United States
concerning their Right to our true Use of
the Elective Franchise.

We the undersigned
believe that the sacred rights and
privileges of citizenship in this
Republic were guaranteed to us
by the original Constitution of the
United States, and that this right
we comprehend and now demand, which
is denied by the Fourteenth & Fifteenth
Amendments, so that we can no longer
where the solemn responsibilities
through, as hereby pledge ourselves
to accept the duties of the franchise
in our several States, so soon as all
legal restrictions are removed.

And believing that
character is the best safeguard of
national liberty, we pledge ourselves

to make the personal purity and
integrity of candidates for public
office the first test of fitness.
And, lastly, believing
in God, as the Supreme Author of
the American Declaration of Independence, we pledge ourselves in the
spirit of that memorable Act, to
work hand in hand with our
fathers, husbands and sons for the
maintenance of these equal rights
on which our Republic was originally
founded, to the end that it may abide,
that is declared to be the great
condition of just government,
"the consent of the governed."



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1871 Elizabeth Cady Stanton New York

Executive Committee Philadelphia
Mary W. M. David
Julia Ward Howe Boston

Wm. W. Chittenden New York - N. Y.
Laura De Rose Gardner Burlington
Rebecka C. Weston Braintree Mass.

Paulina Wright Davis Providence R.I.
Josephine A. Gregory Washington D.C.

Isabella Beecher Hooker Hartford Conn.
Susan B. Anthony Rochester - N. Y.

Anti-Slavery Union Washington D.C.
Mary F. Wallingford Washington D.C.

Ann Burdett Lancaster Mass.

The Declaration and Pledge of the Women of the United States concerning their Political Rights and Duties.

Courtesy of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center

Activities

Reading/ Writing/ Speaking, Listening and Viewing

- Read the document signed by Isabella Beecher Hooker and other suffragettes.
- Do you think this was an effective tool in the fight for suffrage? Write a list of all the information you find in this document.

Working Independently

- Write a petition for something you believe is important. Spend a few days getting signatures from people who agree with you. Try to persuade those that don't agree to sign as well.

Learning Resources and Information Technology

- What other tools did women use to gain the right to vote? Do some research and make a list. Can you think of any other tools that might have helped their cause?

Working Collaboratively/ Speaking, Listening and Viewing

- Consider a class field trip to the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford. There you can learn more about all the Beecher women and their activism.