

DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION SERVICES STORIES OF INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING WOMEN

Seeks to Reach Goal of 10,000 Stories for Permanent Archive



New York, NY – Today, the New York City Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS) announced a final push to complete <u>WomensActivism.NYC</u> a permanent archive of stories about women who have positively impacted society. With more than 9,000 stories already archived, DORIS is soliciting 700 additional stories to close out the project with 10,000 stories of inspiring and empowering women.

<u>WomensActivism.NYC</u> is a public, searchable site showcasing brief descriptions of inspiring women from around the world. The diverse entries include sisters, great-grandmothers, celebrities, next-door neighbors, elected officials, teachers, and more. This collection will be preserved and made available in perpetuity through the Municipal Archives.

"The thousands of people who contributed stories to the <u>WomensActivism.NYC</u> website are, literally, writing women back into history and acknowledging the work of women who have impacted individuals and communities. By adding the story of a woman you admire, you will recognize her and help complete this project," said **Department of Records & Information Services Commissioner Pauline Toole.**

DORIS launched the project on Women's Equality Day in 2015 to celebrate the Women's Suffrage Centennial. August 26 is recognized nationwide to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. Since then, people from around the world have contributed more than 9,000 stories of women who have inspired them including friends, family members, public figures, next-door neighbors, role models, and beyond.

For more information on this project or to contribute a story, visit WomensActivism.NYC.

About the Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS)

Established in 1977, the Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS) preserves and provides public access to the historical and contemporary records of New York City government. Learn more at https://www.nyc.gov/records.

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