

MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

2019 Theme: *Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence*

Theme selected by the National Women's History Project

The purpose of National Women's History Month is to increase awareness of the history and contributions of women. Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week." In 1987, at the request of the National Women's History Project, Congress expanded the week to a month. The U.S. President has issued a proclamation each year to commemorate the month of March as National Women's History Month.

Women at the Office of Weather and Air Quality (OWAQ)

Supporting world-class research to advance timely and accurate weather information

OWAQ is one of the few technical offices at OAR that has over 50% women. Of the 20 employees, 12 are women. Of the 12 women, six have Ph.D.'s, and four have advanced degrees. Except for American Indian, employees represent every other major ethnic category (Asian, Hispanic, African American, White) and the ages of the employees range from 22 to 56.



Photo: Back Row Left to Right: Kandis Boyd, Ph.D., Yolanda Aguilar, Tamara Battle, Michele Olson, Jessie Carman, Ph.D., Segayle Thompson, Ph.D., Sarah Perfater, Chantel Bivins. Front Row Left to Right: Dorothy Fryar, Bonnie Brown, Ph.D., Gina Eosco, Ph.D., Johnna Infanti, Ph.D