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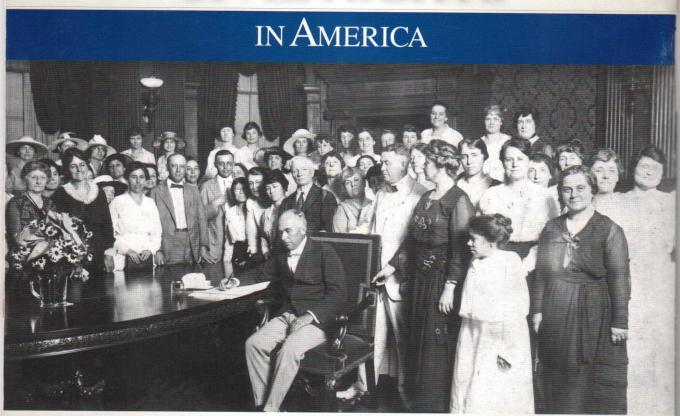
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As keepers of the American legacy, the National Park Service strives to preserve the American narrative in a manner that is pluralistic and inclusive. This handbook provides an overview of the civil rights story in America. When 13 colonies declared their independence from England, a quest for freedom was born. Despite the assertion that "all men are created equal...," freedom has not been a reality for all Americans. At the heart of the American struggle for civil rights is the desire to change that. The parks and monuments included in this book tell the story of Americans seeking to make their lives and the lives of others better. Visit these sites and experience the history firsthand.







