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**Virginia Museum of History & Culture to Mark the Centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment
“Agents of Change: Female Activism in Virginia from Women’s Suffrage to Today” opens in
March 2020**

Richmond, VA – Is there an empowering woman whose activism has inspired you?

As Women’s Equality Day is being celebrated nationwide, the Virginia Museum of History & Culture (VMHC) is collecting stories and items for an exhibit that will celebrate Virginia women as drivers of change since 1920, when the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed granting women the right to vote. The exhibit, *Agents of Changes: Female Activism in Virginia from Women’s Suffrage to Today*, will explore the legacies of the women’s suffrage movement with a focus on the unsung heroines who represent grass roots activism in Virginia today. This exhibit is a signature project of the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commemoration.

“We invite all Virginians to contribute to the creation of this exhibit,” said VMHC President Jamie Bosket. “We are seeking documents, photos and objects that can be shared to tell the inspirational stories of women who have played an active role in bringing change to their communities, especially in the areas of gender and race equality, politics, social justice, business and labor, education, health, the arts and culture.”

The exhibit will also feature items from the VMHC collections like this graduation cap worn by Richmond native Ginai Seabron pictured below. For her graduation from Virginia Tech in 2018, Ginai personalized her mortarboard with letters from the periodic table and other decorative details celebrating her achievement as Virginia’s first black female nanoscience graduate.



Have a story, photo, object to share? Please contact Adam Scher, Vice President of Collections at 804.342.9670 or ascher@virginiahistory.org.

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The Virginia Museum of History & Culture is located at 428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond's Museum District. Hours are Monday – Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the galleries and museum shop, Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the research library. For more information call 804.340.1800, visit VirginiaHistory.org, or connect on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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