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FL Women's Hall of Fame Extends Nomination Deadline

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—The Florida Commission on the Status of Women is now extending nominations for the 2019 Florida Women's Hall of Fame to March 29. The Florida Women's Hall of Fame commemorates women's history by honoring and remembering women whose lives and contributions improved the quality of life for both Florida and the nation.

The Florida Commission will accept all nominations for the 2019 Florida Women's Hall of Fame postmarked by March 29 or through an online nomination form. The commission will recommend to Governor Ron DeSantis 10 outstanding women, of which three will be chosen for induction. Inductees will be recognized at a special ceremony in October in Orlando.

Since its inception in 1982, the Florida Women's Hall of Fame recognizes and honors Florida women who, through their lives and work, make significant contributions to the improvement of life for all citizens of the state. Some of the notable inductees include former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, singer Gloria Estefan, internationally-honored tennis athletes Chris Evert and Althea Gibson, Pilot Betty Skelton Frankman, Bethune-Cookman College founder Mary McLeod Bethune, Congresswomen Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Carrie Meek, Tillie Fowler, Ruth Bryan Owen, Florida Trend Publisher Lynda Keever, and Everglades advocate and suffragist Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

This year's inductees will join current members on the walls of the Florida Capitol. Visitors can view the Hall of Fame members immortalized on plaques in the Capitol Rotunda or on the Florida Women's Hall of Fame website.

To submit a request form online, click <u>here</u>.

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About the Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW):

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women is a nonpartisan, statutorily-created board of 22-member commissioners that work to collaborate with, educate and celebrate Florida women and girls. The Commission does so through annual events and programs including the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. The Commission acts as a resource for lawmakers, businesses, and residents, so they have a better understanding of the important issues facing women, and by extension all Floridians.