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I drafted the following script for an upcoming Women's History Month themed video by the Constitutional Accountability Center.

Since the early days of the American revolution, our nation's history has been marked by the work of social and political visionaries who molded its legal and judicial landscapes.

However, the impact made by countless brilliant women along America's Arc of Constitutional Progress goes largely unrecognized.

But as we celebrate Women's History Month, we can truly begin to appreciate the magnitude of their work on behalf of future generations to secure their inclusion in the iconic phrase, "We, The People."

In 1880, Belva Ann Lockwood became the first woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court after spending five years lobbying Congress to pass a law granting female lawyers admission to the Supreme Court Bar.

Over the course of the century that followed, our federal judiciary slowly gained female faces, each bringing along an array of unique experiences and perspectives to the courts.

Nearly 100 years after Belva Ann Lockwood argued her first case before the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor became the Court's first female Justice.

Three women now sit on the Supreme Court, marking a dramatic shift in the composition of our nation's highest court, which benefits everyone.

The Constitution's text, history, and values promise equality for everyone in America, and our nation needs to tap into the talents of more women with the skills, knowledge, and commitment necessary to enforce equal justice under law.

So this month, we champion the women in America who have demonstrated that commitment, and who work every day to bend the Arc of our Constitution even further towards progress.