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## **CCSWG releases Compilation of Laws Impacting Women and Girls**

For forty years we have celebrated Women's History by pausing each March to honor outstanding women who have shaped our state and nation. Today, as the California Assembly and Legislative Women's Caucus recognize women in every state legislative district who are making history, the Commission is releasing a [compilation of new California laws impacting women and girls](#). "Throughout history, women have been fearless advocates, intellectuals, athletes, and heroes. And they've done this without equal opportunity in the law," said Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus and first vice chair of the CA Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. "Today, as we honor women in our communities who continue to inspire through their distinction and service as our 2017 Women of the Year, we reaffirm our commitment to continue to fight for women's equality and opportunity every day. This compilation is evidence that we can and will continue to honor of all the women who've paved this progression."

The compilation features legislation passed and then signed by Governor Brown during the 2015-2016 legislative session, arranged by Commission priority areas. In this recent legislative session, state lawmakers championed efforts to redress pay inequity, restore funding to the state's childcare infrastructure, and repeal discriminatory laws, including the CalWORKs Maximum Family Grant Rule. Legislators who sponsored several of the new laws are current members of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

"Today we, too, stand on the shoulders of those who came before us and toiled to see their vision of gender equity in California become a reality," said Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Chair of the Commission. The 17 member California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls has provided leadership on women's issues for over 50 years. As an independent state agency, the Commission focuses on effective implementation of laws while simultaneously championing new initiatives that can provide direct access to opportunity for California's women and girls.

We hope that this compilation will have a long lasting and far reaching impact on progressive policy here and across the country. "California's best ideas often pave the way for national action and some of these new laws can be replicated and enhanced in other states and someday across the nation," said Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, Executive Director of the CA Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

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