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Jumping for the right to vote

Women's skydiving team celebrates centennial of the 19th amendment

BY Alex Mitchell

Women across America leaped for joy when the 19th Amendment was ratified over a century ago and even to this day, some are still leaping in celebration...from 4,500 feet.

Highlight Pro Skydiving Team, an all-female

skydiving team made the jump over the Bronx on Wednesday morning to celebrate the centennial of women earning the right to vote after a Manhattan flyby earlier on.

The team dove while donning brightly colored smoke and streamers in suffragist colors

of purple, white and yellow while airborne in representation of loyalty, purity and hope.

After a plunge over the Hudson River, the skydivers landed in Woodlawn Cemetery, where women's suffrage icons Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Carrie Chapman Catt

are buried along with many others.

The jump was made to be a special tribute to those freedom fighters, according to Highlight Pro.

"We are using skydiving to capture attention, and we hope that attention turns to the social



Photos & video courtesy of Highlight Pro Skydiving Team.

justice initiatives of today, women's rights, gender equality and equality at large. Use your voice and your vote, that's what we want," said Melanie Curtis, professional skydiver and co-founder of the Highlight Pro Skydiving Team.

Curtis and her team also flew massive flags displaying messages like

"equality can't wait," "votes for women," "shall not be denied" along with slogans.

"This is such a significant moment in history that, even with all the challenges in our current world, we wanted to find a way to safely and boldly honor the women who made it possible," she added.