



Monica R. Martinez
Suffolk County Legislator, 9th District
Courthouse Corporate Center
320 Carleton Avenue, Suite 4300
Central Islip, NY 11722
(P) 631.853.3700 (F) 631. 853.3568

CONTACT: lisa.pinkard@suffolkcountyny.gov
vanessa.zepeda@suffolkcountyny.gov
luis.montes-brito@suffolkcountyny.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DATE: March 18, 2014

Legislator Monica R. Martinez Celebrates Women's International Day 2014

Central Islip, NY; More than a dozen prominent women of Suffolk County gathered on Friday, March 7, 2014 to join Legislator Monica R. Martinez, as they marked the beginning of a new tradition for the 9th Legislative District in honor of "*International Women's Day.*" This year's theme "*Equality for women is progress for all*" is the driving force for the women commemorated on this day. These women although from diverse cultures, ethnicities, professions, and ages all have two things in common; their continuous strives for the betterment of their communities and for the empowerment of today's woman.

As the first women to represent the Ninth Legislative District of Suffolk County, Legislator Monica R. Martinez said, "Today we are changing history and together we are marking the beginning of a new tradition to continue achieving equality for women in the Ninth Legislative District and throughout all of Suffolk County." She continued, "I give you my full commitment to bring women to the forefront and commit to working with you and other great women of this great district to make this happen."

Guest Speaker and fellow honoree Carmen Julia Piñeyro, the Deputy Mayor of the Village of Freeport said, "Life is not easy for the women who have developed in different fields of life beyond just the domestic sphere. To reach success we must make a great effort and overcome barriers of gender discrimination we face in society. This is not to assert the rights of women upon men; it is about equalizing and both having the same opportunities." Piñeyro added, "The arrival of Legislator Martinez to represent the Ninth Legislative District of Suffolk District is an unequivocal sign of progress for women, as we fight for a more impartial society".

Legislator Martinez reaffirmed her commitment to honoring and celebrating this day dedicated to women stating "From today and here on out, women from the Ninth Legislative district will stand strong for women's rights, women empowerment and gender equality."



(Maria Acevedo, Martha Maffei, Karina Claudio, Jenny Cruz, Dadalie Volmar, Leg. Martinez, Carmen Pineyro, Rosibel Granada, Karen Pierce, Maritza Carrasco, Ketlie Crispin, Ruthi Martinez, Grace Ioannidis, Amparo Sadler and Vilma Santos)