

## Virginia Minor Honored with Historical Roadside Marker

The National Votes for Women Trail, a project of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, has collaborated with the William G. Pomeroy foundation to install historical roadside markers in every state to commemorate events and leaders of the women's suffrage movement.

AAUW, League of Women Voters members, and other interested parties, attended the dedication of the marker commemorating the work of Women's Suffrage leader Virginia Minor on October 15, 2022. The marker was installed at the site of a previous home, currently occupied by Provident Counseling, 2652 Olive Blvd, Louis, Missouri.

Minor was the 1867 founding president of the Woman Suffrage Association of Missouri. Her attempt was rejected to register to vote on October 15, 1872, she sued. The case reached the United States Supreme Court which ruled:



**AAUW members in attendance L-R: Laura X , Kathleen Farrell, Jeanne Webdell, Sue Barley, Jan Scott, Kathy Brown, Ellen Irons, Pat Shores, Shirley Breeze, and Pam Kulp**

*Neither the Constitution nor the fourteenth amendment made all citizens voters ... a provision in a state constitution which confines the right of voting to "male citizens of the United States," is no violation of the Federal Constitution. In such a state women have no right to vote.*

The court's decision in *Minor v. Happersett* led to a shift in strategy by suffragists to focus efforts on obtaining women's suffrage through a constitutional amendment.

Votes for Women Missouri Trail Coordinator Pat Shores