

Women lawmakers make Nev. a national leader



Catherine Cortez Masto in November won a hotly contested Senate race in Nevada. Photo Copyright 2016 Carolyn E. Wright

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CARSON CITY — Women made impressive gains in capturing public offices in Nevada this year, and now represent 40 percent of the 63-member state Legislature heading into the 2017 session.

That ties Nevada with Colorado and Vermont as the states with the highest percentage of women legislators, according to Emerge Nevada, which encourages and trains Democratic women to run for office.

Women also will soon make up 50 percent of Nevada's six-

member congressional delegation, following the historic election of Catherine Cortez Masto to the U.S. Senate and the victory by Jacky Rosen in the 3rd Congressional District in Las Vegas. They will join returning incumbent Dina Titus in Washington, D.C.

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