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A Trailblazer for Equity: Ruth Bader Ginsburg

As we celebrate Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's life, we are compelled to remember that we must continue working toward progress for and with people who have historically lacked power and privilege – even and especially in perplexing times like these.

Serving on the United States Supreme Court for more than 27 years – only the second woman to serve – her unyielding commitment to justice leaves a lasting legacy as a trailblazer for equity and a model for what's possible.
Born and raised in a Jewish household in Brooklyn, New York, "the notorious RBG" graduated from Cornell University and Columbia Law School, only to be turned away from one job opportunity after the other, simply because she was a woman and, later, a mother.

Ginsburg's personal experience with gender discrimination informed her understanding of the words engraved above the highest court, "equal justice under law," and fueled her work to tackle unfair gender norms and discrimination. A fervent believer in standing up and speaking out against inequality, she was an essential jurist in some of the most pivotal legal cases in the nation's history impacting the health and well-being of Americans.

A professor, lawyer, judge, wife, mother, grandmother, feminist icon and hero, Ginsburg said, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." We are grateful for her tremendous voice and leadership.

In her spirit, we will continue to fight for the things we care about – for what is just and fair, and for the removal of barriers to health and well-being for all Coloradans.

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