

# 1986 Nebraska Gubernatorial Election

The 1986 gubernatorial elections marked the first time in the history of the United States that two female candidates, Republican Kay Orr and Democrat Helen Boosalis, would duke it out for the position of state governor. Orr and Boosalis were also the first two female gubernatorial candidates in the history of Nebraska. In the end, Kay Orr won the election, becoming the first female Republican governor in the US and first female governor of Nebraska.

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<https://www.nytimes.com/1986/05/14/us/nebraskans-choose-women-for-governor-s-race.html>

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