



# FIRST SPOUSE SERIES

ONE-HALF OUNCE PROOF AND UNCIRCULATED COINS

## HIGHLY COLLECTABLE SERIES

American First Ladies are now honored with First Spouse Gold Coins, which are one-half ounce, 24 karat pure gold coins minted in collector proof and uncirculated versions. This series of gold coins introduced in 2007 and set to last until 2016 compliment and are released on the same schedule as the US Mint Presidential \$1 program which honors past Presidents at a rate of four gold coins each year.



## THE FIRST SPOUSE GOLD COINS PROGRAM

The program is the first to feature women in a consecutive series of legal tender coins. The series of gold coins is authorized through the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005, which was signed into law (Public Law 109-145) on Dec. 22, 2005 by President George Bush. It calls for the following coin specifications:

- A \$10 denomination
- The same diameter as the \$1 coins
- Issued as counterparts and during the same period as the circulating Presidential \$1 coins

There are two cases where a President has had more than one wife during service and two coins are issued, like John Tyler. Tyler's first wife Letitia died during his second year in office. Tyler later married Julia while still President. Under the program, both Letitia and Julia First Spouse Coins were produced.



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# ABIGAIL ADAMS 2007



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The Abigail Adams First Spouse Gold Coins were introduced by the United States Mint on June 19, 2007. The coins are number two in the series to honor American "First Spouses" and right behind the Martha Washington First Spouse Coins, although the timing was such that the Mint happened to release both on the same day, and each of the four coins sold out within hours.

Just as the pricing policy for the first lady series has changed, so have their mintages. The Mint initially set a maximum of 40,000 strikes per release. The Mint changed the amount in 2010, cutting down the authorized mintage to 15,000 per release.

Exactly like the other coins in the series, the \$10 Abigail Adams First Spouse Coins were struck in one-half ounce 24-karat gold and minted in proof and uncirculated versions for the \$429.95 and \$410.95, respectively, for a total combined limited mintage of 40,000.

Abigail's First Spouse Gold Coin contains a portrait of her on the Obverse or heads side, designed and sculpted by Joseph Menna. The Reverse was designed by Thomas Cleveland and sculpted by Phebe Hemphill. It depicts a younger Abigail writing to her husband as he attended the Second Continental Congress, and her famous words "remember the ladies".

## QUICK FACTS

1. Abigail Adams was originally released in June of 2007 in PROOF for \$429.95.
2. According to the Official US Red Book, 2014 in Raw Form is \$950.00.
3. In a little over 6 years, June of 2007, the value has increased by more than 120%.
4. Spot Gold in the same period moved 90% where this coin was at 120% burnished coin blanks, which are hand-fed into specially-adapted coining presses one at a time." The mint mark previously noted is a 'W' indicating the coins are struck at the Mint's facility in West Point.