

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF
THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND
FOUNDING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WHEREAS, an organized movement to enfranchise women began in July, 1848 at a Woman's Rights Convention in the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York;

WHEREAS, through the efforts of brave and courageous women referred to as suffragists who sacrificed family, their personal life and their financial resources for over seventy years to gain equal rights for women, especially the right to vote;

WHEREAS, women and men, black and white, supported the woman's suffrage movement for women to gain the constitutional right of having a voice in making the laws that govern them;

WHEREAS, the woman's suffrage movement led to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1919; with ratification by the states by the summer of 1920;

WHEREAS, the National American Woman's Suffrage Association (NAWSA) dissolved in 1920 to create the League of Women Voters of the United States for the purpose of educating voters and registering women to vote;

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of North Carolina was launched on October 7, 1920, on the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse by Gertrude Weil, a politically active and tireless young woman from Goldsboro, NC;

WHEREAS, more than 120,000 women were registered to vote in North Carolina by 1920;

WHEREAS, women today constitute a majority vote in our state and the United States and are running for office in higher numbers and more active in the election process than ever before in history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters in the United States and in North Carolina are recognized for the impact these historic accomplishments have on citizen engagement and the civic life of the community, the state and the nation.

*The Constitution of the United States of America
Amendment XIX Women's Suffrage*

"The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."