

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of the United States was founded on February 14, 1920, during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, just six months before the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution giving women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help women across the nation carry out their new responsibilities as voters and to encourage them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy; and

WHEREAS, the League has expanded nationwide to include both men and women in all fifty states and more than 700 local communities; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years the League has been a respected nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of South Carolina, founded in 1920, continues the League's commitment to "Making Democracy Work" for all, protecting and expanding voter rights, providing nonpartisan information about political candidates and public policy issues, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CENTENNIAL MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to congratulate the League of Women Voters of South Carolina on the League's 100th anniversary.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA