

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the voting rights and equal rights movements started in earnest at the first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls in 1848; and

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico women started advocating for full voting rights in 1893; and

**WHEREAS**, unable to get the Legislature to expand women's voting rights beyond school elections, New Mexico's suffragists pushed instead for bipartisan support for a federal suffrage amendment so that 27 million women could vote; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 1919, Congress finally passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and sent it to the states for ratification; and

**WHEREAS**, New Mexico ratified the amendment on February 21, 1920, after decades of organized efforts by suffragists, including Nina Otero Warren, Deane Lindsey, Aurora Lucero, Laura Frenger, and Julia Asplund; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the League dedicated its efforts to helping women become informed about federal, state, and local issues and policies;

**WHEREAS**, the League continues its mission to inform voters about candidates through its voter guides, candidate forums, and other programs throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, the League continues to advocate for responsible and responsive government and for general well-being of the residents of New Mexico and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the League contributes to the understanding of policies and encourages all Americans to participate in our democracy:

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February sixth, 2020, as

## **"THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS"**

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Done at the Executive Office this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2020.

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Mexico.

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

