



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Mexico women of every background have led movements for social change, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also to create an impartial and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, countless New Mexico women worked for suffrage through participation in state and local chapters of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the Congressional Union (later the National Woman's Party), as well as in churches, school halls, and across backyard fences; and

WHEREAS, many women in communities of color in New Mexico were unable to participate in the suffrage movement and waited many years for laws to be passed in order to exercise their right to vote freely; and

WHEREAS, Cora Armstrong Kellam, Deane Houghton Lindsey, Ada McPherson Morley and Nina Otero Warren led efforts in New Mexico for women's suffrage, and U.S. Senator Andrieus A. Jones of New Mexico championed the 19th Amendment in Congress as chairman of the Select Committee on Woman Suffrage; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico ratified the 19th Amendment on February 21, 1920, making this the 100th anniversary of the year our state acknowledged that the vote should not be denied on the basis of gender—a monumental step in the continuing pursuit of full, unhindered and unrestricted equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate this centennial by reaffirming New Mexico's commitment to achieving full equality for all women in every sphere: social, economic and political:

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

"Woman's Suffrage Centennial Year"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Done at the Executive Office this
2nd day of January, 2020.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Secretary of State



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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor