

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF
3 WOMEN VOTERS; PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 6, 2020 "LEAGUE OF WOMEN
4 VOTERS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, the league of women voters was founded on
7 February 14, 1920, six months before the nineteenth amendment
8 to the United States constitution was ratified; and

9 WHEREAS, the nineteenth amendment to the United States
10 constitution established women's right to vote; and

11 WHEREAS, the league of women voters grew out of the
12 suffrage and equal rights movements that started in 1848; and

13 WHEREAS, the original purpose of the league of women
14 voters was to educate the twenty-seven million newly
15 enfranchised women about their civic responsibilities as
16 voters and to promote their understanding of government; and

17 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues its
18 mission to promote understanding of major policy issues
19 through its educational efforts; and

20 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to
21 influence public policy through education and advocacy; and

22 WHEREAS, the league of women voters is a nonpartisan
23 political organization that encourages informed and active
24 participation in government to strengthen democracy; and

25 WHEREAS, the league of women voters formulates its

1 positions on political issues after careful research,
2 reflecting consensus on sound policy decision-making
3 principles; and

4 WHEREAS, advocacy efforts have resulted in improvements
5 to education, health care, human rights, natural resource
6 stewardship, election reform, ethics and campaign finance
7 regulation; and

8 WHEREAS, efforts to advance accountability and increase
9 transparency have resulted in legislative action and
10 improvements in state and local governments; and

11 WHEREAS, the league of women voters' motto states that
12 "democracy is not a spectator sport" because civic
13 involvement creates more responsive and responsible
14 government; and

15 WHEREAS, the league of women voters has encouraged
16 millions of voters to carry out their responsibilities by
17 publishing voter guides and conducting forums and debates
18 that allow candidates for public office to present their
19 views in a nonpartisan environment; and

20 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to study
21 all sides of issues of public concern to build consensus
22 within the league and to inform New Mexicans; and

23 WHEREAS, the league of women voters furthers its
24 members' engagement in nonpartisan political action and
25 shapes public policy in agreement with its adopted

1 positions; and

2 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to
3 advocate for responsible and responsive government for the
4 general welfare of the residents of New Mexico and the
5 United States;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the league of women voters be
8 congratulated on its one hundredth anniversary and that
9 February 6, 2020 be proclaimed "League of Women Voters Day"
10 in the senate; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 transmitted to Hannah Burling, president of the league of
13 women voters of New Mexico. _____

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