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SENATE MEMORIAL 4

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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

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

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

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

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

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1           WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues its mission  
2 to promote understanding of major policy issues through its  
3 educational efforts; and

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

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

9           WHEREAS, the league of women voters formulates its  
10 positions on political issues after careful research,  
11 reflecting consensus on sound policy decision-making  
12 principles; and

13           WHEREAS, advocacy efforts have resulted in improvements  
14 to education, health care, human rights, natural resource  
15 stewardship, election reform, ethics and campaign finance  
16 regulation; and

17           WHEREAS, efforts to advance accountability and increase  
18 transparency have resulted in legislative action and  
19 improvements in state and local governments; and

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

23           WHEREAS, the league of women voters has encouraged  
24 millions of voters to carry out their responsibilities by  
25 publishing voter guides and conducting forums and debates that

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1 allow candidates for public office to present their views in a  
2 nonpartisan environment; and

3 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to study  
4 all sides of issues of public concern to build consensus within  
5 the league and to inform New Mexicans; and

6 WHEREAS, the league of women voters furthers its members'  
7 engagement in nonpartisan political action and shapes public  
8 policy in agreement with its adopted positions; and

9 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to advocate  
10 for responsible and responsive government for the general  
11 welfare of the residents of New Mexico and the United States;

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

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to Hannah Burling, president of the league of women  
18 voters of New Mexico.