

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
1st 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

