

PROCLAMATION

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE YEAR OF 2020 AS THE
CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT
AND THE **100TH ANNIVERSARY OF**
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS*

PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, during this historic year, 2020, we celebrate the **CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT** to the United States Constitution, Votes for Women, ratified and signed into the record, which is honored each year on August 26th as Women’s Equality Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the **League of Women Voters (LWV)** celebrates its 100th anniversary and the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County, California, joins more than 700 other local and state chapters to celebrate this historic milestone; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1920, as the League of Women Voters was founded to prepare for the implementation of the 19th Amendment, its founder Carrie Chapman Catt believed that within five years the LWV would be able to give millions of women voters a crash course in civic engagement and the American political system; and

WHEREAS, the League’s historic commitment to register, educate and mobilize voters is not only stronger; but, more effective than ever, utilizing such tools as VOTE411.org – a cutting-edge election information website accessed by millions of voters each election cycle; and

WHEREAS, as we look to a vibrant future on the threshold of the next 100 years, the League members across South San Mateo County continue to recruit and invite members and activists, who share the League’s commitment to “Making Democracy Work,” to join in its work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates **the year of 2020 as the CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT and recognizes the 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** and commends the effort to ensure the right to vote by every citizen across the country as vital to a vibrant democracy regardless of formal party affiliation, to guarantee and empower a government defined by the words of the United States Constitution: “We the People...”.

Dated: March 10, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

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DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors