



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the call for women's rights was proclaimed at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848; and

WHEREAS, the demand for women's right to vote became the center piece of the women's rights movement since the Seneca Falls Convention; and

WHEREAS, women suffragists experienced ridicule, mockery, threats, alienation and imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, the names of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Antony, Alice Paul, Lucy Burns and Carrie Chapman Catt stand out as leading the movement over decades; and

WHEREAS, the women's role in World War I influenced President Wilson's support for the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 19 simply reads, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex;" and

WHEREAS, US House of Representatives passed Amendment 19, 304 to 89, on May 21, 1919; and

WHEREAS, US Senate passed Amendment 19, 56 to 25, on June 4, 1919; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin was the first state and Tennessee the last one to ratify Amendment 19; and

WHEREAS, it was a Tennessee mother who urged her son, a Congressman, to be a good boy and vote for the Amendment 19, which he did; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 19 became part of US Constitution on August 18, 1920 without much fanfare and ending almost a century of struggles, protests, torture and prison time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Commission do hereby recognize and honor the

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMENDMENT 19

granting the women the right to vote and urge every citizen, who is eligible to vote, to vote in every election.

Dated this July 14, 2020


MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE

