

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE US CONSTITUTION
AND
CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the movement to allow women to claim their right to vote nationwide began in the mid-1800s, with women using a variety of tactics, including organizing, petitioning, lecturing, marching, lobbying, civil disobedience, hunger strikes, obtaining the passage of individual state suffrage acts, and challenging male-only voter laws in the courts, often meeting with fierce resistance, from heckling to jail; and; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing all American women the right to vote nationwide was first introduced in Congress in 1878, was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919 and was ratified as the 19th Amendment on August 18, 1920; 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, as a merger of the National Council of Women Voters and the National American Woman Suffrage Association, just six months before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, in order to help women exercise their rights and responsibilities as voters; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters quickly grew, so that by 1924 there were National Leagues organized in 346 of 433 congressional districts and today there are 50 state leagues and over 1,000 local leagues; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was formed as and has remained a nonpartisan organization, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but encouraging its members to be politically active.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Stamford Board of Representatives recognizes the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment and congratulates the League of Women Voters on its 100th anniversary and thanks them for their dedication and hard work in promoting informed citizen participation at all levels of government.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 6th day of January, 2020*

Matthew Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Clerk
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