

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution – recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Founding of the League of Women Voters in North Carolina

PRESENTER: Commissioner Charlie Messer

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt a Resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Founding of the League of Women Voters in North Carolina

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to review the attached Resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Founding of the League of Women Voters in North Carolina.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopts the Resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Founding of the League of Women Voters in North Carolina.

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOUNDING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN NORTH CAROLINA

- WHEREAS,** an organized movement to enfranchise women began in July, 1848, at a convention in Seneca Falls, NY; and
- WHEREAS,** through the efforts of brave and courageous women referred to as suffragists who sacrificed family, their personal lives and financial resources for over seventy years to gain equal rights for women, especially the right to vote; and
- WHEREAS,** people of all walks of life supported the woman's suffrage movement for women to gain the constitutional right of having a voice in making the laws that govern them; and
- WHEREAS,** the woman's suffrage movement led to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1919, with ratification by the states by the summer of 1920; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Woman's Suffrage Association dissolved in 1920 to create the League of Women Voters of the US to register and educate all voters; and
- WHEREAS,** the League of Women Voters of North Carolina was launched on October 7, 1920, on the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse by Gertrude Weil, a politically active and tireless young woman from Goldsboro, NC; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 120,000 women were registered to vote in North Carolina by 1920; and
- WHEREAS,** women today constitute a majority vote in our state and the US and are running for office in high numbers and more active in the election process than ever before in history.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters in the United States and in North Carolina is hereby recognized by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, for the impact these historic accomplishments have on citizen engagement and the civic life of the community, the state and the nation.

Approved and adopted this 19th day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:

GRADY HAWKINS, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD