

PROCLAMATION

Special Recognition of the Centennial of the League of Women Voters of the United States

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a "mighty political experiment" by the foremothers of the suffragist movement at the National American Suffrage Association; and

WHEREAS, their goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19th Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibilities as voters; and

WHEREAS, with the success of this effort and the tireless efforts over 100 years to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted, nonpartisan, grassroots organization; and

WHEREAS, the League nationally and in Ohio has sponsored legislation and has fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access to free and fair elections; and

WHEREAS, since 1938, the League in Hudson has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as registering hundreds of voters in Hudson and elsewhere in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, the League continues to champion government that is open, transparent, inclusive, and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the League continues to believe active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig A. Shubert, Mayor of the City of Hudson, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 14, 2020, as

"LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY IN THE CITY OF HUDSON"

as we honor and congratulate the League of Women Voters of the United States on its 100th Anniversary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hudson to be affixed on this 4th day of February, 2020.

Craig A. Shubert, Mayor City of Hudson, Ohio