

RESOLUTION 07-2020

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WHEREAS, The history of women voting in Utah is long and vibrant; and

WHEREAS, On February 14, 1870, Utah school teacher Seraph Young voted in a municipal election under EQUAL Suffrage Laws and is credited with being the first woman to vote in an election in any state or territory America; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States on June 4, 1920, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, which was ratified on August 18, 1920; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Chapman Catt, a suffragist and founder of the League of Women Voters, led the state-by-state strategy that resulted in its passage; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Chapman Catt spoke at the Conference of Women Voters held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on November 17, 1919, and

WHEREAS, the Conference was sponsored by the Utah State Suffrage Council, then presided over by Utah feminists Emmeline B. Wells, Emily S. Richards, and others, and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters is a civic group, originally formed to help women take a larger role in public affairs after they won the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters has grown to include all citizens, encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public; and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters was formed 100 years ago on February 14, 1920.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of North Ogden City recognizes the League of Women Voters as an important civic organization working for the welfare of all Utahans.

