

City of
Santa Rosa
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution which ensures the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex; and

WHEREAS, the great state of California became the 18th state to ratify the 19th Amendment on November 1, 1919; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Santa Rosa including among others, Sarah Latimer Finley, Cora Boyes, Emmett Seawell, Frances McGaughey Martin, and her sisters Anabel McGaughey Stuart, and Elizabeth McGaughey worked diligently to secure votes in favor of suffrage leading to the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the approval of the California Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 8 on October 10, 1911; and

WHEREAS, neither the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution nor the 8th Amendment of the State of California Constitution guarantees suffrage to all women or all citizens of the United States; and

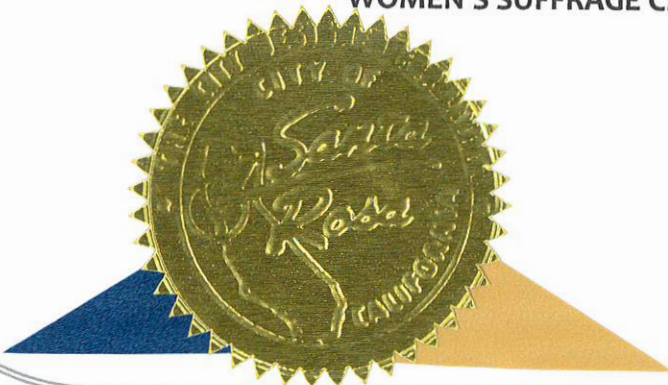
WHEREAS, the fact that today women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers reminds us that we all follow in the footsteps of those resolute American suffragists who came before us; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project has been established in partnership with the National Women's History Alliance and in collaboration with many local organizations, sets forth as a year-long project, to celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County 2020 Women's Suffrage Project is committed to creating programs which explore the complex long history and continuing fight for inclusion of all women for enfranchisement including women of color, trans-women and non-binary individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the year 2020 as the

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL



Mayor Tom Schwedhelm
February 25, 2020