

# Resolution No. 680-2020

**By Council Members Brancatelli, Cleveland, Santana, Bishop, Conwell, Griffin, Hairston, Johnson, B. Jones, J. Jones, Kazy, Kelley, McCormack, Mooney, Polensek, Slife and Zone**

## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for women's suffrage.

### FOR ADOPTION

August 26, 2020

WHEREAS, the bold, courageous and powerful women who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, deserve special celebrations, especially this year, the 100th anniversary of its ratification; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native Americans who did not gain the right to vote until 1924; Asian Pacific Islander Americans gained the right to vote in 1952; and African-American and Latin Americans suffered voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Acts of 1965 and 1975; 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 these resolute American suffragists; and

WHEREAS, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution has played an important role in advancing the rights of all women; and

WHEREAS, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of women's suffrage honors the role of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in further promoting the core values of our democracy as promised by the Constitution of the United States; reaffirms the opportunity for students and adults in this county to learn about and commemorate the efforts of the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy; and reaffirms our desire to continue to strengthen democratic participation and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established under the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council commemorates the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for women's suffrage.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Mike De Wine and all members of the Ohio General Assembly, the U.S. Congressional Ohio delegation, and the National Women's History Alliance.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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**REPORT  
after second Reading**

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**READ FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME**

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**REPORTS**

referred to

**CITY CLERK**

**READ SECOND TIME**

**CITY CLERK**

**READ THIRD TIME on AUGUST 26, 2020**

**PRESIDENT**

**CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED**

**MAYOR**

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