

*Office of the Mayor*

# Proclamation

## “Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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 Woman Suffrage Association, and;

**Whereas**, the great State of Arizona, although new to statehood in 1920, was among the first 10 states to recognize the women’s vote;

**Whereas**, the League’s goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters, and;

**Whereas**, with the success of this effort and the tireless efforts over the last 100 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization, and;

**Whereas**, the League has sponsored legislation and fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access, and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health, and education, and;

**Whereas**, the League 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 its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize voters, and;

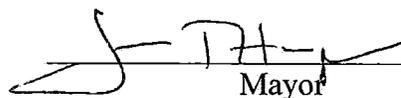
**Whereas**, the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive, and equitable, and;

**Whereas**, the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy;

**Now therefore** be it proclaimed February 14, 2020 as League of Women Voters Day. We honor and congratulate the League of Women Voters on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and commend the League for its significant contributions to empowering voters and making democracy work.

Attest:

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor

