

City of Rochelle, Illinois
Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

*Rochelle IL, Daughters of the American Revolution Proclamation in Honor of the
100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution*

Whereas, the bold, courageous and powerful women who fought for the ratification of the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution on August 18, 1920, deserve special celebration on the 100th anniversary of its ratification in 2020; and

Whereas, in 1869, a new group called the National Woman Suffrage Association was founded by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony; and

Whereas, Women such as Elizabeth Boynton Harbert, Frances E. Willard, Jane Addams, Ida B. Wells, Catharine McCulloch and Grace Wilbur Trout made Illinois a central place for the development of the women's suffrage movement; and

Whereas, in 1913, Illinois was the 1st state east of the Mississippi to give women the right to vote; and

Whereas, Illinois was the 1st state to ratify the 19th Amendment on June 10, 1919; and

Whereas, On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment, making women's suffrage legal in 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 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,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, John Bearrows, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, hereby recommend that residents and civic institutions

- celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States;
- honor 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;
- reaffirm the opportunity for students and adults in the county to learn about and commemorate the efforts of the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy; and
- reaffirm 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.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan L. Messer, City Clerk

