

On a motion from Councilor **Sid Cates** Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize

League of Women Voters Centennial Month

WHEREAS The League of Women Voters was founded on February 14, 1920, during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; six months prior to the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS The League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters and to encourage them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy; and

WHEREAS The League has expanded nationwide to include all fifty states and more than 700 local communities, and has included men as well as women as members; and

WHEREAS For 100 years, the League has been a respected nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy; and

WHEREAS The League of Women Voters of Greenville County was founded in 1951 and continues the League's commitment to "Making Democracy Work" for all; protecting and expanding voter and voting rights, providing nonpartisan information about political candidates and public policy issues, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Now, therefore, Greenville County Council does hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 as "League of Women Voters Centennial Month" and congratulates the League of Women Voters of Greenville County on the League of Women Voters' 100th Anniversary.

Signed this 18th day of February, 2020

Herman G. "Butch" Kirven, Chairman Greenville County Council