

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

R-20-134

**RESOLUTION 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, and certification on August 26, 2020, by the U.S. Secretary of State, deserve special celebration on the 100th anniversary of this achievement;

WHEREAS, New Jersey was the 29th state to ratify the 19th Amendment on February 9, 1920; and;

WHEREAS, New Jersey holds a special place in women's suffrage history as thousands of New Jersey women advocated for the right to vote on the streets, in the newspapers, in the state capital and throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native American women, who did not gain the right to vote until 1924; Asian Pacific Islander American women until 1952; and African-American women and Latinas who were victims of voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, the fact that today, record numbers of women are serving in local, state and national government and running for office in unprecedented numbers, as part of the legacy 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.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway 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; reaffirming the opportunity for everyone 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway hereby recommends that residents and civic institutions celebrate August 18, 2020, as the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, and August 26, 2020, as the date of its official certification.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened Meeting held on August 11, 2020.


Christina Clipperton, Township Clerk