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PROCLAMATION HONORING PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

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 celebration, especially on the 100th anniversary of its ratification in 2020; 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, and for Asian Pacific Islander Americans in 1952; and

Whereas African American and Latin Americans suffered voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

Whereas, women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers, reminding 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 right of all women;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Neighborhood Council Valley Village on behalf of our 26,000 stakeholders celebrates the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women's suffrage to the Constitution of the United States; and furthermore commit to continue the fight to ensure women the protection of all equal rights by the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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