



PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING THE 100th 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 their goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19th 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 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 RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of its 100th birthday, wish the League of Women Voters and its local affiliate, the League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area, many more years of Defending Democracy.

Signed this 4th day of March, 2020

*Ned Gallaway, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors*