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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1920, the League of women Voters ("League") was formed at the Congress Hotel in Chicago Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the league was formed six months prior to, but in anticipation of ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in the United States; and

WHEREAS, THE League was a political experiment designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters by educating them about issues; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning the league determined that it would be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing any political party or individual candidate; and

WHEREAS, the League continues today as a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issue, and influences public policy through education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, today the League is composed of member in over 700 local, county and states leagues, in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong; and

WHEREAS, among those local leagues in Illinois are thirteen leagues whose over 1800 members are also members of the League of Women Voters of Cook County, and inter-League organization that focuses on the county-wide governments with the County of Cook; and

WHEREAS, members of the League first study and then take action on a broad rand of issues after reaching consensus on positions; and

WHEREAS, Leagues at all levels, among the other activities, register voters, educate voters by holding candidate forums and publishing voter guides, publish public policy research, and hold meeting on key issues; and

WHEREAS, the League is a civic organization that has fought since 1920 to improve government and engage everyone in the decision that impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, the League will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on February 14, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares February 14, 2020 as a day to celebrate the League of Women voters and its vision of democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

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