

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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, I Patricia Byers, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2020, as

“Women Voters Day and Women’s Voting Rights Day”

in the City of Yakima and we honor and congratulate the League of Women Voters on its 100th Anniversary and commend the League for its significant contributions to empowering voters and making democracy work,

Dated this 4th day of February, 2020

Patricia Byers, Mayor