

# PROCLAMATION

## *Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the Montclair Area*

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” by the foremothers in the suffragist movement at the National American Woman Suffrage Association; and; and

**WHEREAS**, their goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 of Women Voters was not only founded as a national organization in 1920, but the New Jersey and Montclair Area local leagues are also celebrating their centennial years of studying issues, advocating for and educating the public, and engaging with the government; 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**, from starting the first recycling program in New Jersey to opening dialogues about mental health in the Internet era to studying the issue of human trafficking and helping to establish a national position on the issue, the League of Women Voters of the Montclair Area has an impressive legacy of effective advocacy; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters has through the years remained steadfast in its mission to empower voters and work to improve government at all levels. It continues to exemplify the words of founder Carrie Chapman Catt, “To the wrong that need resistance, To the right that needs assistance, To the future in the distance, Give yourselves”

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor of The Borough of Glen Ridge, with the advice and consent of The Borough Council the League of Women Voters has through the years remained steadfast in its mission to empower voters and work to improve government at all levels. It continues to exemplify the words of founder Carrie Chapman Catt, “To the wrong that need resistance, To the right that needs assistance, To the future in the distance, Give yourselves;”

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Stuart K. Patrick  
Mayor