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PROCLAMATION

100th Anniversary of Wisconsin Passing the 19th Amendment

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1919 Wisconsin made history by becoming the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granting national suffrage to women; and

WHEREAS, Theodora Winton Youmans, graduate of Carroll University, Assistant Editor at the Waukesha Freeman, President of the Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association, and founder of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters work was instrumental to Wisconsin's efforts for a federal suffrage bill being passed, and for our state's quick ratification; and

WHEREAS, thousands of women - wives, sisters, mothers, daughters - in Waukesha and across the state marched, spoke out, and supported suffrage efforts; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's early and important ratification paved the way for other states to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, just over a year after Wisconsin's ratification, the 36th state ratified the amendment in August 1920 making it law; and

WHEREAS, across the nation, states are celebrating the 19th Amendment and the date of their state's ratification.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Shawn Reilly, Mayor of the City of Waukesha, call upon all citizens of Waukesha to recognize June 10th, 2019 as the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin's ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Signed this 4th day of June 2019.

Shawn N. Reilly, Mayor
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