

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

Whereas, the year Two Thousand and Twenty marks the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, women fought for the right to vote for more than a century and persevered in the face of resistance; and

Whereas, many New Jersey women advocated for the right to vote; and

Whereas, Monmouth County was the home to many suffragists both male and female, and suffrage rallies and events occurred within Monmouth County's borders; and

Whereas, February 9, 2020 will mark the centennial of the New Jersey ratification of the 19th Amendment; and

Whereas, August 26, 2020 will mark the nationwide centennial of the 19th Amendment officially becoming part of the United States Constitution, after the required number of states had ratified; and

Whereas, daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of the women who fought so hard to vote have been making their voices heard at the polls for nearly 100 years; and

Whereas, women are running for office and currently in elected office in large numbers in Monmouth County, follow in the footsteps of these great suffragists; and

Whereas, there are currently over 200,000 women registered to vote in Monmouth County, New Jersey; and

Whereas, all government entities on the local, state and national level should commemorate and recognize this historic milestone and reaffirm its commitment to empowering and uplifting the voices of women.

NOW, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby

(1) celebrate and recognize the 100th Anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution providing for women's suffrage; and

(2) honor the role of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in promoting the core values of our democracy as set forth in the Constitution of the United States; and

(3) reaffirm our desire to continue strengthening democratic participation and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established by the 19th Amendment.