

Town of Apex, North Carolina

Proclamation

from the Office of the Mayor

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WHEREAS, the movement to enfranchise women began in July 1848, at a convention in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, the women's suffrage movement led to the passage by Congress of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1919 and was ratified by the states by the summer of 1920; and

WHEREAS, the National Women's Suffrage Association dissolved in 1920 to create the League of Women Voters of the United States for the purpose of educating voters and registering women to vote; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Wake County first met on September 27, 1920; and

WHEREAS, approximately 120,000 North Carolina women registered to vote for the November 1920 election; and

WHEREAS, women today constitute a majority vote in North Carolina and in the United States, are running for office in greater numbers, and are more active in the election process than ever before in history;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved that the Apex Town Council recognizes the historic impact of the 19th Amendment on women's voting rights and on the civic life of women in our community, in North Carolina, and in the nation, and be it further Resolved that the Town of Apex recognizes the League of Women Voters of Wake County for their work to promote citizen engagement since their founding in 1920.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina
to be affixed this the 18th day of August 2020

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor