



City of Ketchum

Celebrate Idaho Women's Day Proclamation

- Whereas,** in 1896, Idaho became the fourth state to give women the right to vote, joining the ranks of Wyoming, Utah and Colorado; and
- Whereas,** between 1896 and 1920, Idaho suffragists supported others from across the country in the fight for national suffrage; and
- Whereas,** in 1915, Pennsylvania suffragists cast a replica Liberty Bell – known as the Justice Bell – as a symbol of their state's suffrage efforts, and between 1915 and 1920 toured the Justice Bell across the country and vowed that it would remain silent until they secured the right to vote; and
- Whereas,** by 1920, 36 states ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women suffrage nationally; and
- Whereas,** the Pennsylvania suffragists rang the Justice Bell for the first time on September 25, 1920, in a grand celebration in Philadelphia; and
- Whereas,** in February 2020, the Idaho Legislature established March 14, as Idaho Women's Day and today, March 13, we ring bells across the state as a symbolic gesture to unite the citizens of Idaho to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, and commemorate the valiant struggle for national suffrage on Celebrate Idaho Women's Day.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2020 as *Celebrate Idaho Women's Day* in the City of Ketchum. All citizens are urged to honor and recognize women leaders of the past and present, foster women leaders of the future, advance women's leadership in business and politics, and encourage women to vote.