



## **Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the bold, courageous and powerful women who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, deserve special celebration, especially on the 100th anniversary of its ratification in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 1914, during the General election, Nevada voters passed a Bill awarding women the right to vote, a victory 50 years in the making; and

**WHEREAS**, the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native Americans who did not gain the right to vote until 1924. For Asian Pacific Islander Americans, it was 1952. African American and Latin Americans suffered voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, the fact that today women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers reminds us that we all follow in the footsteps of these resolute American suffragists: and

**WHEREAS**, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution has played an important role in advancing the right of all women.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim 2020 as the:

### **“100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT”**

Be it resolved that residents and civic institutions celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, providing for women’s suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 28<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2020.

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ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk