



*The Council of the
City of Albuquerque*

August 17, 2020

WHEREAS, in the United States, suffragists began their organized fight for women's equality in 1848 when they demanded the right to vote during the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls New York; and

WHEREAS, August 26th, 2020, marks the nationwide centennial of the 19th Amendment, which secured women's constitutional right to vote, officially becoming part of the United States Constitution after the required number of states had ratified; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, interaction between Iroquois women and white women unveiled a social structure where women's unchallenged political power became model for the Seneca Falls "Declaration of Sentiments" calling for women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, Mary Church Terrell was an ardent suffragist, educator, and one of a few African American women allowed in meetings of the National American Women Suffrage Association. Ms. Terrell's speech at the 1898 convention in Washington D.C. was a bold call to publicly include the rights of all people of color, especially in southern states; and

WHEREAS, Clara Lee founded the Chinese Women's advocacy group in the Bay Area and registered to vote on November 8, 1911 at the Alameda County Courthouse. She and Emma Hoo Tom were the first Chinese American women to vote in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Adelina Otero-Warren headed the New Mexico chapter of the Congressional Union, the precursor to the National Woman's Party and garnered suffrage support from Spanish and English-speaking communities, insisting materials be published in both languages; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, many women in communities of color in New Mexico were unable to participate in the suffrage movement and waited many years for laws to be passed in order to exercise their right to vote freely; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 68 million American women vote in elections because of the courageous suffragists who never gave up the fight for equality.

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, HEREBY COMMEMORATES THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE AND RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT, PROVIDING FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND PROCLAIMS AUGUST 26TH, 2020 AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY.

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