



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE
2019-2020

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly on February 18, 1919, passed a concurrent resolution for an amendment to the North Dakota Constitution providing for elective franchises for women, including the right to vote for all state officials and members of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 1919, the North Dakota Senate, in special session, approved a resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would extend the right of suffrage to women; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1919, the North Dakota House, in special session, approved a resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would extend the right of suffrage to women; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 1919, Governor Frazier signed the joint legislative resolution ratifying what would become the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States to extend the right of suffrage to women and forwarded copies to the Secretary of State of the United States and to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the National Congress; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified, culminating a 72-year movement to secure the right to vote for women in America, ensuring their right to exercise the power of the ballot to shape the policy and future of our nation; and


WHEREAS, on November 2, 1920, with women and men voting, the vote on the "Elective Franchises" amendment to the North Dakota Constitution was approved, culminating a 52-year movement to ensure the right of most North Dakota women to exercise the power of the ballot to shape the policy and future of our state and communities; and

WHEREAS, many of the women and men who worked for Woman Suffrage in Dakota Territory and then North Dakota from 1868 to 1920 deserve recognition for their efforts and triumph.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim 2019-2020 the **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State