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Proclamation honoring the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the **19th Amendment**, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote, and

WHEREAS, in 1848, women began organizing and collectively fighting for suffrage on a national level. For 72-years, women advocated for the right to vote by marching, protesting, lobbying, and even going to jail; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania ratified the **19th Amendment** on June 24, 1919 and was one of the original 36 states to do so; and

WHEREAS, the **19th Amendment** did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native

Americans who did not get the right to vote until 1924. For Asian Pacific Islander Americans, it was 1952. African-American and Latin Americans experienced voter suppression until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is home to an estimated 620,010 women; and

WHEREAS, women are vital to the future social, economic, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of our country, and Allegheny County has long appreciated and celebrated the contributions of women to the vibrancy of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the **19th Amendment** has played a crucial role in advancing the rights of all women in Allegheny County, the State of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Members of Allegheny County Council, do hereby honor the **100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment** to the United States Constitution, and we hope it inspires future generations to cherish the historic precedent formed by the 19th Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 25th day of August 2020.