

**CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT OF THE US CONSTITUTION  
GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

**WHEREAS**, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background across America have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the United States in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, The women of this nation initiated the most significant women's movement in history – the need for women's suffrage; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the strong opposition, the inspiration and determination of women nationwide brought about the extraordinary accomplishment – the right for women to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 10, 1919, Michigan women cast their vote when Michigan voters ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Michigan was the second state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, giving women the right to vote; and

**WHEREAS**, On August 26, 1920, voters across the nation secured the right for women to vote when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified, empowering American women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship stating, "...the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"; and

**WHEREAS**, August 26, 2020 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the National Suffrage Amendment, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Troy remembers and celebrates the historic women who fought for their right to vote and recognizes the courage and inspiration of these bold women to change the course of history; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Troy will fly the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Victory Flag from June 10 - 14, 2019 to commemorate the State of Michigan ratifying the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and August 24 - 28, 2020 to commemorate the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2019**