

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT AND
3 CENTENNIAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE
4 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

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6 WHEREAS, organized and sustained efforts to win the vote
7 for women in the United States began in 1848 in Seneca Falls,
8 New York; and

9 WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and
10 Carrie Chapman Catt of the national American woman suffrage
11 association advocated for women's voting rights nationally;
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13 WHEREAS, a New Mexico campaign for women's suffrage
14 began in the 1890s in Santa Fe and Albuquerque; and

15 WHEREAS, the initial New Mexico women's suffrage efforts
16 were further organized in Las Cruces in 1910 and became a
17 structured effort by women in seventeen communities; and

18 WHEREAS, many New Mexican women, including Laura E.
19 Frenger, Nina Otero Warren, Deane Lindsey, Ina Sizer Cassidy,
20 Aurora Lucero and Julia Asplund, fought tirelessly for
21 women's right to vote in local, state and national elections;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the nineteenth amendment to the United States
24 constitution, prohibiting exclusion of women from voting,
25 stalled in congress for forty-one years before passing in

1 1919; and

2 WHEREAS, Governor Octaviano A. Larrazolo called a
3 special session of the legislature, and on February 21, 1920,
4 New Mexico became the thirty-second state to ratify the
5 nineteenth amendment; and

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6 WHEREAS, on August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the
7 thirty-sixth state to ratify the nineteenth amendment, at
8 which point three-fourths of the states had ratified the
9 amendment; and

10 WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the nineteenth amendment
11 was certified by the United States secretary of state and
12 became a part of the United States constitution; and

13 WHEREAS, through the nineteenth amendment, millions of
14 women have made and continue to make enormous contributions
15 to the civic and political life of the United States through
16 their vote; and

17 WHEREAS, honoring the strides of the suffrage movement
18 serves as a reminder of the power that all yield through
19 voting;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the suffrage
22 movement and the centennial anniversary of the adoption of
23 the nineteenth amendment to the United States constitution be
24 recognized and celebrated; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

1 transmitted to Hannah Burling, president of the league of

2 women voters of New Mexico. _____

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