

# COMMENDATION



October 6, 2020

## ***The League of Women Voters 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” by the foremothers of the suffragist movement at the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and

**WHEREAS**, their goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters, and

**WHEREAS**, with the success of this effort, and the tireless efforts over the last 100 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization, and

**WHEREAS**, the League has sponsored legislation and fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access, and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health, and education, and

**WHEREAS**, the League has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize voters, and

**WHEREAS**, the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, diverse, inclusive, and equitable, and

**WHEREAS**, the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, August 18<sup>th</sup> marks exactly 100 years since the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, now therefore, be it

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, on this sixth day of October 2020, honors and congratulates the League of Women Voters of the United States on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby commends the League for its significant contributions to empowering voters and making democracy work.

**BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS**



**Ann B. Wheeler, Chair**

