

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:  
recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote.

**Resolution No. 2020/53**

an organized movement to enfranchise women began in July 1848, at a convention in Seneca Falls, NY; and

Whereas: brave and courageous women, referred to as suffragists, sacrificed their personal lives and financial resources for nearly 75 years to pursue equal rights for women, especially the right to vote; and

Whereas: diverse women and men of all races and religions, supported the woman's suffrage movement so that women might gain the constitutional right to vote and to have a voice in making the laws that governed them; and

Whereas: the woman's suffrage movement led to the Congressional passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1919; with ratification by the states in August of 1920; and

Whereas: the National American Woman Suffrage Association created the League of Women Voters of the United States in 1920 to register people to vote and to educate all voters; and

Whereas: although women today constitute a majority vote in our county, the state, and the country, are running for office in higher numbers, and are more active in the election process than ever before, much work still needs to be done to achieve equality and parity in elected office; and

that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, hereby recognize and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution and the founding of the League of Women Voters of the United States, of California, of Diablo Valley and of West Contra Costa County, and commend those brave women of the past for these historic accomplishments and to the tireless women of the present for their impact on civil engagement in the electoral process of our County, State and Nation.

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
Chair, District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
Chair, District I Supervisor

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**DIANE BURGIS**  
District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
District IV Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 10, 2020

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy