## Proclamation

## IN HONOR OF THE 100<sup>™</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

**WHEREAS,** The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a "mighty

political experiment" by suffragette, Carrie Chapman Chat at the

National American Women Suffrage Association, and

**WHEREAS,** Their goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the

right to vote by the 19th amendment understand and carry out their

new responsibility as voters, and

**WHEREAS,** With the success of this effort and 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 non-partisan

organization, and

**WHEREAS,** The League has sponsored legislation to protect and strengthen

voting rights, free and fair elections, health, civil rights, the

environment, social welfare, campaign finance, climate change and

civil liberties, 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 the League's

commitment to register, educate and mobilize voters, and

WHEREAS, The League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of

gender, ethnicity or political affiliation are the hallmark of democracy and champions government systems that are open, transparent,

inclusive and equitable, and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of the Pikes Peak Region was founded

on February 14, 1938, as the League of Women Voters of Colorado Springs, and has actively advocated for good government and

democracy in our city,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, on behalf of all Council Members, do hereby formally proclaim February 14<sup>th</sup> as

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY

in honor of the League of the Women Voters' significant contribution to empowering voters and making democracy work.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.