

Celebrating the 19th Amendment

100 Years of Women getting the Vote

Throughout the year 2020 we will be celebrating the 19th Amendment in a variety of ways. The Amendment reads: **“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.”** The amendment is important, though many lawmakers feared that women would vote in large groups, which would affect the outcome of elections! Well!!

In our early history when women were denied the right to own property and had no legal claim to any money they might earn or the right to vote, a group of women met in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848. The demand for the vote was the centerpiece of the women’s rights movement. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B Anthony and other activists raised public awareness and lobbied the government to grant voting rights to women. Thirty-six states had to ratify the 19th amendment. Arizona voted to ratify on February 12, 1920. It was passed by Congress June 4, 1919 and ratified on August 18, 1920.

Sadly, voter suppression today is going on throughout the country, including 11 bills that have already been presented in our Legislature. Again, we have to be watching, fighting and marching I guess! Write and call your legislators to make your voices heard!

Celebrations: Proclamations to be read by Mayors in many towns and cities.

Mayor Lane of Scottsdale will read one during the February 18, 2020 Council Meeting. Come witness it at 5:30 at City Hall.

Mayor Bien-Willner of the Town of Paradise Valley (watch for the date)

Mayor Coral Evans of Flagstaff (watch for event)

Exhibits: Arizona Capitol Museum

Local Libraries, with the theme *Arizona Women Rise and Shine, Women’s Suffrage Centennial Project, with the Arizona Chapter of the Questers spearheading it.*

Need help finding information? There are a number of good newsletters coming via email. Call or email me for information. Janet Larkin, jalarkin@cox.net, 480-949-0285