

**School Board Resolution to
Celebrate the 19th Amendment**

_____ **School District**
Board of Education

Adopted _____

On November 1, 1919, the state of California became the 18th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and on August 26, 2020 the country will mark the 100th anniversary of American women winning the right to vote.

Whereas, the bold, courageous and determined state and local women who led the drive for the ratification of the 19th Amendment that culminated on August 18, 1920, deserve special recognition by the district of _____, especially on the 100th anniversary of the it's ratification in 2020; and

Whereas, California was the 18th state to ratify the 19th Amendment on November 1, 1919; and

Whereas, California holds a special place in women's suffrage history since women by the thousands advocated for the right to vote on the streets, in the newspapers, in the state capital and throughout the great state; and

Whereas, California women gained the right to vote with the passage of Amendment 8 to the state constitution in 1911 – nearly a decade before women won the vote nationally; and

Whereas, the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native Americans who did not gain the right to vote until 1924. For Asian Pacific Islander Americans it was 1952. African-American and Latin Americans suffered voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

Whereas, women are running for office in unprecedented numbers, their very presence reminds of that we follow in the footsteps of these resolute American patriots: and

Now, therefore, resolved, in accordance with (Ed code) during the 2019-2020 school year, the _____ district will ensure that students receive instruction about Women's Suffrage Movement, and the vital role California played in this historic drive for women's civil rights, at all grade levels (i.e., K-12).