

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **League of Women Voters** (LWV) was founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt during the National American Woman Suffrage Association Convention, held just six months before women were granted the right to vote when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified; and

WHEREAS, considered a “mighty political experiment,” the League of Women Voters was created as a nonpartisan organization to help the twenty million new women voters with their responsibilities, to encourage them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy and to be political themselves, and to lobby for government and social reform legislation; and

WHEREAS, for a century, the League of Women Voters has remained true to its founding principles of empowering voters, defending democracy, remaining nonpartisan, and it continues to work on vital issues of concern to the members and the public including free and fair elections, civil rights, and advocating for children, community and education, and it believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters has a membership of over 90,000 throughout all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong, and the League of Women Voters Florida (LWVFL) was established in 1939, and over the years, the state organization has been dedicated to nonpartisanship, promoting inclusion for greater citizen involvement, and it has developed a strong voice for its advocacy and educational campaigns; and

WHEREAS, locally, the League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County (LWVHC) was established in 1949, and for over seven decades has been the voice for citizens in local government, remained active in studying important issues and calling for reforms, and it has served as a source of training for many elected and appointed leaders; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Hillsborough County is hosting its annual **Lifetime Achievement Award Luncheon** on Friday, February 14, 2020, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, and the organization will celebrate the League of Women Voters’ **100th Anniversary** and reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past century, and during the event, the **2020 Lifetime Achievement Award** will be presented to Dr. Liana Fernandez Fox, Ph.D., Educator, and the **2020 Syndey & Thalia Potter Civic Leadership Award** posthumously presented to the late Dena Gross Leavengood.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim Friday, February 14, 2020 as

“LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to congratulate the BPWC organization on this milestone anniversary and thank the members for their contributions to the Tampa community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 6th day of February, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor