

WHEREAS, the call for women’s rights was proclaimed at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848; and

WHEREAS, the demand for women’s right to vote became the center piece of the women’s rights movement since the Seneca Falls Convention; and

WHEREAS, women suffragists experienced ridicule, mockery, threats, alienation and imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, the names of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul, Lucy Burns and Carrie Chapman Catt stand out as leading the movement over decades; and

WHEREAS, the women’s role in World War I influenced President Wilson’s support for the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 19 simply 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;” and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives passed Amendment 19, 304 to 89, on May 21, 1919; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate passed Amendment 19, 56 to 25, on June 4, 1919; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 19 became part of the U.S. Constitution on August 18, 1920, without much fanfare and ending almost a century of struggles, protests, torture and prison time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims July 23, 2020, as

“19th AMENDMENT DAY”

in recognition and honor of the 100th Anniversary of Amendment 19, granting women the right to vote and urges every citizen, who is eligible to vote, to vote in every election.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of the
City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 23rd day of July 2020.**