

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
19TH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION,
GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background across America have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the United States in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, the women of this nation initiated the most significant women’s movement in history—the need for women’s suffrage; and

WHEREAS, despite the strong opposition, the inspiration and determination of women nationwide brought about the extraordinary accomplishment—the right for women to vote; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1919, Michigan women cast their vote when Michigan voters ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan was the second state to ratify the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, voters across the nation secured the right for women to vote when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified, empowering American women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship stating . . . “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, August 26, 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the National Suffrage Amendment, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bloomfield Township remembers and celebrates the historic women who fought for their right to vote and recognizes the courage and inspiration of these bold women to change the course of history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bloomfield Township will fly the 19th Amendment Victory Flag, June 10, 2019 – June 14, 2019, to commemorate the State of Michigan ratifying the 19th Amendment, and August 24, 2020 – August 28, 2020, to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Dated this 12th day of June 2019.

Janet M. Roncelli, MMC
Bloomfield Township Clerk