



## Joint Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” by the foremothers of the suffragist movement at the National American Women Suffrage Association; and

**WHEREAS**, their goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters; and

**WHEREAS**, with the success of this effort and the tireless efforts over the last 100 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the League has sponsored legislation and fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access, and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the League has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to register, educate and mobilize voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive and equitable; and

**WHEREAS**, the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy; and

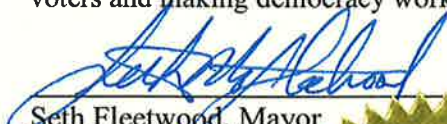
**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters of Bellingham/Whatcom County has been an active and positive influence in our county since its founding of 1956.


**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim February 14, 2020, to be

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County. We honor and congratulate the League of Women Voters on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and commend the League for its significant contributions to empowering voters and making democracy work.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020

  
Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

  
Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

