BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION
NO: 20-05-05-03

In the Matter of

Approving a Resolution Acknowledging the Lane County League of Women Voters and the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes and celebrates the League of Women Voters being founded in 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” to help women carry out their new responsibilities as voters; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the League of Women Voters of Lane County was founded in 1939; and,

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

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters works with Lane County and other organizations to achieve mutual goals, increase civic participation and create lasting change in the community;

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters’ tireless efforts over the past 100 years have strengthened and fulfilled its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a revised strategic plan in December of 2019 that identifies four priorities: A Safe, Healthy County; Vibrant Communities; Robust Infrastructure; and Our People and Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the value of the League of Women Voters in providing a critical service to our community and that the right to participate in a democratic society through voting is tied to the equity priorities and lens that the county adopted in its revised strategic plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County ORDERS and RESOLVES as follows:

1. Honors and congratulates the League of Women Voters on its 100th Anniversary and commends the League for significant contributions to empowering voters and helping make democracy work and;

2. Recognizes that in order to make inclusive democracy a reality in our communities, there remains work to do.

ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2020.

Heather Buch, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners