

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment

WHEREAS, one hundred and seventy-two years ago in 1848, the first Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York, marking the beginning of the bold and courageous Women's Right Movement to gain women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Rights Movement, as well as every other progressive social change movement, was made stronger by the women of Missouri from every race, class and ethnic background who served on the front line and ultimately played a unique and critical role in Missouri's history; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919, the United States Congress passed the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution providing the right to vote for women and sent it to the states for ratification; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 1919, Governor Frederick Gardner signed the bill that made Missouri the eleventh state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago, on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was certified by U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby and became federal law; and

WHEREAS, the city of Joplin recognizes that the American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, and its Missouri branches, have long been supporters of women's rights, equity, and the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Joplin appreciate the struggles of the Suffragists and others who fought for the right to vote by all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2020 as the

“CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT RATIFICATION DAY”

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 17th day of August 2020.

Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor