



Legislation Text

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TITLE

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT RATIFICATION, FORMATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND LEAGUE FOUNDER GERTRUDE WEIL AND AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF HONORARY MONUMENT AND HISTORICAL SITE MARKER

SPONSOR

Commissioner Kay Cashion

BACKGROUND

In support of the national women's suffrage movement, Congress passed the 19th amendment to US Constitution in 1919 and it was formally ratified in 1920, enfranchising approximately 26 million American women. In this same year, Gertrude Weil founded the North Carolina League of Women Voters on the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse. Weil was a well known advocate for labor reform and social welfare.

Guilford County was approached by the League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad with the recommendation for placement of a commemorative monument and historical marker. If approved, the marker, which will be funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation's historic signage grant program, will be included in the online "National Votes for Women Trail". Both will commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the NC League of Women Voters and Gertrude Weil's tireless dedication to the North Carolina Women's Suffrage Movement.

REQUESTED ACTION

Adopt a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution and the 100th anniversary of the formation of the North Carolina League of Women Voters; authorize placement of a monument commemorating this anniversary in the Bicentennial Garden located beside the Old County Courthouse; and authorize placement of a Historical Site Marker in front of the Old County Courthouse located at 301 W. Market Street, Greensboro, NC honoring Gertrude Weil and the establishment of North Carolina League of Women Voters, in remembrance of the North Carolina Womens Suffrage Movement.