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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE
AUGUST 26, 2020**

WHEREAS, women today can fully participate in the governance of the United States of America because of the women's suffrage movement, a courageous and persistent political campaign which lasted 72 years; and

WHEREAS, the combined eloquence and strategic acumen of Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Carrie Chapman Catt, Mary Church Terrell, Alice Paul, Ellen Annette Martin, Elizabeth Nichols and Sime Stanger combined to lead a nonviolent drive to change social attitudes and institutional bias against women; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of women and men, inspired by idealism and grounded in sacrifice, gave the accumulated possibilities of entire lifetimes to the cause of women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters continues to champion the lasting political and social significance of the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters Naperville embodies this proud legacy by registering hundreds of voters each year, succeeding in campaigns to upgrade election equipment in DuPage County, and promoting Illinois' Vote by Mail expansion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2020 as

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and commend the League of Women Voters of Naperville for their continued activism to advance voting rights and democracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 18 day of August, 2020.



Steve Chirico, Mayor

