

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. \_\_\_\_\_

Designating August 2020 as “National Women’s Suffrage Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Designating August 2020 as “National Women’s Suffrage Month”.

Whereas Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, guided by the shared ideals of freedom, sovereignty, democracy, civil liberty, and individual rights;

Whereas, from 1919 to 1920, the 66th Congress debated, and State legislatures considered, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide suffrage for women;

Whereas the ratification of the 19th Amendment was the culmination of decades of work and struggle by advocates for the rights of women across the United States and worldwide;

Whereas the ratification of the 19th Amendment ensured women could more fully participate in the democracy of the United States and fundamentally changed the role of women in the civic life of the Nation;

Whereas August 18, 2020, marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the States, providing the support necessary under article V of the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas August 26, 2020, marks the centennial of the 19th Amendment becoming a part of the Constitution of the United States, providing for women's suffrage; and

Whereas the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment represents a historical milestone to be lauded and celebrated: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates August 2020 as “National Women’s Suffrage Month”;

3               (2) honors the role of the ratification of the  
4               19th Amendment in further promoting the core values  
5               of the democracy of the United States, as promised  
6               by the Constitution of the United States;

7               (3) reaffirms the opportunity for people in the  
8               United States to learn about and commemorate the  
9               efforts of the women’s suffrage movement and the  
10              role of women in the Nation’s democracy;

11              (4) reaffirms the desire of Congress to continue  
12              strengthening democratic participation and to inspire  
13              future generations to cherish and preserve the  
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1 historic precedent established by the 19th Amend-  
2 ment;

3 (5) recommits to persevering through these un-  
4 expected times to celebrate the suffragists, educate  
5 new generations about this critical chapter in the  
6 history of the Nation's democracy, and create a leg-  
7 acy that will inspire the next 100 years; and

8 (6) encourages the people of the United States  
9 to observe National Women's Suffrage Month and  
10 commemorate this milestone of the Nation's democ-  
11 racy by ensuring that the untold stories of women's  
12 decades-long battle for the ballot are recognized and  
13 celebrated across the United States.