

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