

# Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, The Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was approved August 18, 1920, after the Tennessee Legislature cast the deciding, affirmative vote necessary for ratification by the required 36 states; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky General Assembly passed legislation to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on January 6, 1920; and
- WHEREAS, Women, and men who supported them, began the long struggle for suffrage in 1848; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky was on the forefront of the movement for women's suffrage and was home to the first local suffrage organization in the South, organized in Glendale in 1867; and
- WHEREAS, We honor the approval of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and recognize the contributions made by Kentucky women and men to its ratification, including Nettie Depp, a pioneer in education who will become the first woman to be presented with a statue in a place of honor in the State Capitol; and
- WHEREAS, We resolve to remember their struggle and celebrate the history of the movement, and commit to the full equality of women;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2020, as


## THE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty and in the 229<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

  
ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

  
Michael G. Adams  
Secretary of State