

1 [Commendation of 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.]

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3 **Resolution commending the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United**  
4 **States Constitution, extending the right of suffrage to women.**

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6 WHEREAS, August 2005 marks the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
7 amendment to the United States Constitution; and,

8 WHEREAS, The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment guarantees all women who are United States citizens  
9 the right to vote by declaring that the right to vote not be denied or abridged on account of  
10 sex; and,

11 WHEREAS, The passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment is a historic victory resulting from  
12 decades of agitation, protest and struggle; and,

13 WHEREAS, Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of women's  
14 suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied and practiced civil disobedience to  
15 achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the United States Constitution;  
16 and,

17 WHEREAS, Few early supporters lived to see their final victory in 1920 with the  
18 passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United  
20 States Constitution is celebrated by women's rights organizations across the United States  
21 through events emphasizing solidarity, unity and empowerment; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
23 Amendment to the United States Constitution, extending the right of suffrage to women.

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