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LWV of Thurston County Recognizes Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

Thurston County – This August 26 marks the 90th anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters—founded the same year women achieved this right—celebrates Women’s Equality Day by remembering this historic achievement, and looking forward to greater civic participation and healthy debate on the issues that matter most to our communities.

“On this Women’s Equality Day, we take time to recognize not only the historic 19th Amendment, but the tremendous progress we’ve made over the last 90 years in expanding and protecting voting rights,” said national League president Mary G. Wilson. “Generation after generation, the work of League of Women Voter members across the country is a testament to the incredible legacy of the 19th Amendment.”

“But our work is not done,” Wilson continued. “As we face new and even greater challenges as a nation, the League continues to recruit and organize active, local leaders who are dedicated to safeguarding democracy. These leaders are in your communities, engaging elected officials as we work together to find viable solutions.”

“The League of Women Voters of Thurston County believes that the hands-on work of an engaged citizenry can and does lead to civic improvement at all levels of government,” says Thurston County League President, Marilyn Funk. “Women’s Equality Day is a celebration of such a basic part of our democratic process—the right to vote—and the opportunities to channel that power into real, lasting change, starting at the grassroots level.”

“The League of Women Voters of Thurston County has worked for 49 years to safeguard democracy through expanded civic engagement.” Marilyn Funk said. “As an League member, you have the opportunity to have a profound, direct and positive impact on the issues that matter most to our community, and what better day than the anniversary of the 19th Amendment to get involved?”

For information on Women’s Equality Day and other upcoming events, or to learn how to become a member of the League of Women Voters of Thurston County, visit www.lwvthurston, or www.lwv.org.

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