



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## Proclamation

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

*Whereas*, Congress passed the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution guided by the shared ideals of freedom, sovereignty, democracy, civil liberties, and individual rights; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton has long appreciated and celebrated the contributions of women to the quality of life in this community; and

*Whereas*, women are vital to the social, economic, political, intellectual, and spiritual wellbeing of our community; and

*Whereas*, women and activists fought for and won the right to vote in Washington State on November 8, 1910, making it the fifth state in the union to enact women's suffrage, nearly 10 years before the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

*Whereas*, the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment ensured women could more fully participate in our democracy and fundamentally changed the role of women in the civic life of our nation; and

*Whereas*, the introduction, passage, and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment were the culmination of decades of work and struggle by advocates for the rights of women across the United States;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2020, to be

## *Women's Right to Vote Centennial Anniversary*

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to commemorate the achievements of the women who fought for the right to vote 100 years ago, and to celebrate the many contributions women have made during the last century.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 3rd day of August, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

