

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which guaranteed that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex”, and

**WHEREAS**, the text that would become the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920 was first proposed in Congress in 1878, and

**WHEREAS**, many States granted women the right to vote in advance of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, including the State of Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon, Montana, Arizona, Kansas, Alaska, Illinois, North Dakota, Indiana, Nebraska, Michigan, Arkansas, New York, South Dakota and Oklahoma, and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan were the first States to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, all on June 10, 1919, six days after it was approved by Congress, and Tennessee was the 36<sup>th</sup> State to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, the number then required to incorporate it into the United States Constitution and make it the law of the land, and

**WHEREAS**, although formal voting rights could no longer be denied because of race or sex after ratification of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendments, many voters still faced ballot restrictions, including registration rules, literacy tests, poll taxes, and moral and residency requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, there were 81.3 million women registered to vote in the United States as of 2018, comprising 53% of the electorate, and

**WHEREAS**, American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action, and the women’s suffrage movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform, and

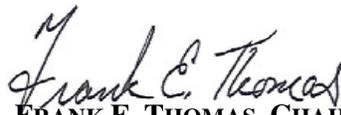
**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Law Day theme is “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment at 100”, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that I, Frank E. Thomas, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020 as

### **“LAW DAY IN WARREN COUNTY”**

and urge everyone to observe this day by learning about the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and its legacies, displaying the New York State flag in observance.

**DATED: APRIL 17, 2020**

  
**FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN**  
**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**