

**Wayland's Proclamation Celebrating the 100th Anniversary
of the League of Women Voters**

Whereas the League of Women Voters was founded on February 14, 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” by the foremothers of the suffragist movement at the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and;

Whereas its goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19th Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters, and;

Whereas by its tireless efforts over the last 100 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization, and;

Whereas the League has sponsored legislation and fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access, and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health, and education, and;

Whereas the League has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize votes, and;

Whereas the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive, and equitable, and;

Whereas the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy;

Now therefore the Wayland Board of Selectmen proclaim February 14th as League of Women Voters Day.

We honor and congratulate the League of Women Voters on its 100th Anniversary and commend the League for its significant contributions to empowering voters and making democracy work.