

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
PROCLAMATION

In recognition of the
**100th Anniversary of the League of Women
Voters of the United States**

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded on February 14 in 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” by the foremothers of the suffragist movement; and

WHEREAS, their 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, with the success of this effort and the 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, for more than 60 years the League of Women Voters of Chelmsford has carried out this nonpartisan mission locally by its sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize voters; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Chelmsford Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim February 14, 2020 as League of Women Voters Day, 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.

Signed this 10th day of February 2020.

Patricia E. Dzuris
Town Clerk

Board of Selectmen