



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment *August 18th, 2020*

WHEREAS, this month we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which gave most women in the United States the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, The amendment added 26 million women to the pool of eligible voters in time for the 1920 presidential election, the largest single expansion of voting rights in our history; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest; and

WHEREAS, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution has played an important role in advancing the right of all women;

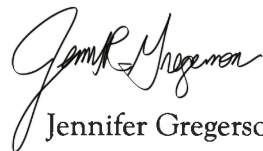
WHEREAS, the path to voting rights is a long and continuing one. Indigenous people and Native Americans were not able to vote until 1924, when Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act, granting them citizenship and voting rights. In addition, African Americans, immigrants and others were regularly disenfranchised even after passage of the 19th amendment, due to Jim Crow era laws and entrenched racism;

WHEREAS, the fact that today women and others who are historically underrepresented in government are now active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers reminds us that we all follow in the footsteps of these resolute American suffragists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of Mukilteo and on behalf of the City Council, celebrate, recognize, and honor, August 18th, 2020 as the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.



Signed this 18th day of August, 2020


Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor