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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted American women the right to vote, a right known as women's suffrage, and was ratified on August 18, 1920, ending almost a century of protest; and

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WHEREAS, In Illinois, women's suffrage movements began as early as the 1860s; in 1873, a statute was passed giving women the opportunity to run for any school office not created by the Illinois Constitution; women were given the right to vote for school officers in 1891; and

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WHEREAS, With the continued work of several organizations, including the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association, the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Chicago Political Equality League, women in Illinois secured the right to vote; and

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WHEREAS, Governor Edward Dunne signed the suffrage bill into law on June 26, 1913, giving women the right to vote for President, as well as local officers; this action made Illinois the first state east of the Mississippi River to give women the right to vote for President; and

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WHEREAS, On June 4, 1919, the U.S. Congress passed the

1 Susan B. Anthony Amendment, giving women the full right to
2 vote; Illinois ratified the 19th Amendment on June 10, 1919 and
3 was the first state to do so; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 10,
6 2019 as 19th Amendment Ratification Day in the State of
7 Illinois to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this event.