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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, guided by the shared ideals of freedom, sovereignty, democracy, civil liberties, and individual rights; and

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WHEREAS, From 1919 to 1920, the Sixty-Sixth Congress debated, and state legislatures considered, an amendment to the Constitution to provide suffrage for women; and

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WHEREAS, On May 21, 1919, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a proposed amendment, followed by the Senate a few weeks later on June 4, 1919; and

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WHEREAS, The introduction, passage, and ultimate ratification of the 19th Amendment were the culmination of decades of work and struggle by advocates for the rights of women across the United States and worldwide; and

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WHEREAS, The ratification of the 19th Amendment ensured women could more fully participate in our democracy and fundamentally changed the role of women in the civic life of our nation; and

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WHEREAS, August 18, 2020 marks the centennial of the

1 ratification of the 19th Amendment by three-fourths of the
2 states, providing the support necessary under Article V of the
3 Constitution of the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, August 26, 2020 marks the centennial of the 19th
5 Amendment becoming a part of the Constitution of the United
6 States, providing for women's suffrage; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare August 26,
9 2020 as "Women's Suffrage Day" in the State of Illinois.