



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 30

April 25, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives BALLWEG, BILLINGS, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, EMERSON, FELZKOWSKI, HESSELBEIN, KERKMAN, KOLSTE, LOUDENBECK, MAGNAFICI, MEYERS, MYERS, NEUBAUER, POPE, RODRIGUEZ, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, STUBBS, STUCK, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, VANDERMEER, VINING, ZAMARRIPA, ALLEN, ANDERSON, AUGUST, BORN, BOWEN, BROOKS, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, DOYLE, EDMING, FIELDS, GOYKE, GRUSZYNSKI, GUNDRUM, HAYWOOD, HEBL, HINTZ, HORLACHER, HUTTON, JAGLER, JAMES, KATSMAN, KITCHENS, KNODL, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, KULP, KURTZ, MACCO, MILROY, MURPHY, MURSAU, NEYLON, NOVAK, NYGREN, OHNSTAD, OLDENBURG, OTT, PETERSEN, PETRYK, PLUMER, PRONSHINSKE, QUINN, RAMTHUN, RIEMER, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, SNYDER, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STAFSHOLT, STEFFEN, STEINEKE, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER, VORPAGEL, VOS, VRUWINK, WICHGERS, WITKE and ZIMMERMAN, cosponsored by Senators BERNIER, JOHNSON, BEWLEY, DARLING, RINGHAND, SCHACHTNER, SHILLING, L. TAYLOR, CARPENTER, COWLES, CRAIG, ERPENBACH, FEYEN, FITZGERALD, HANSEN, JACQUE, KAPENGA, LARSON, LEMAHIEU, MARKLEIN, MILLER, NASS, OLSEN, PETROWSKI, RISSER, ROTH, SMITH, STROEBEL, TESTIN, TIFFANY, WANGGAARD and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

- 1     **Relating to:** celebrating June 10, 2019, as the 100th Anniversary of ratifying the  
2           19th Amendment.
- 3           Whereas, June 10, 2019, marks the 100th anniversary of Wisconsin leading the  
4           nation as the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment, allowing women the right to  
5           vote; and
- 6           Whereas, Wisconsin women fought for the right to vote for more than a century  
7           before it was granted and persevered in the face of resistance; and
- 8           Whereas, the national constitutional amendment for women's suffrage passed  
9           overwhelmingly in the Wisconsin Assembly 54 to 2 and in the Wisconsin Senate 25  
10          to 1; and

1           Whereas, to be the first state, Wisconsin raced with Illinois and Michigan,  
2           appointing former State Senator David James as special messenger to transfer the  
3           certification to Washington, D.C., with James hand-delivering the certification  
4           moments before the Illinois messenger arrived; and

5           Whereas, Wisconsin became the first state to file the certification, other states  
6           soon followed; and

7           Whereas, the necessary 36 states soon ratified the 19th Amendment; half of the  
8           U.S. population was enfranchised on August 26, 1920; and

9           Whereas, the fight for women's suffrage, from the first women's rights  
10          convention to enfranchisement, lasted 72 years, with women from all walks of life,  
11          political views, and demographic backgrounds asking for the right to voice their  
12          opinions at the polls; and

13          Whereas, Wisconsin women by the thousands advocated for the right to vote on  
14          the streets, in newspapers, and in the state and federal capitols; and

15          Whereas, Wisconsin-born Carrie Chapman Catt led the national movement,  
16          meeting with President Woodrow Wilson to secure his support for suffrage in light  
17          of women's contributions during World War I; and

18          Whereas, Wisconsin women, like former First Lady Belle Case LaFollette and  
19          Reverend Olympia Brown, garnered national attention for their suffrage efforts; and

20          Whereas, Ada James took women's right to vote to the streets and re-energized  
21          suffrage efforts in 1912; and

22          Whereas, Theodora Winton Youmans helped heal the state's suffragists after  
23          the failure of the 1912 referendum and continued the movement to educate  
24          Wisconsin residents on the benefits of women voters; and

