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Celebrating 92 Years of the Power of the Vote

LWV of South Bend Area Recognizes Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

South Bend – August 26 marks the 92nd anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters of the South Bend Area will celebrate Women’s Equality Day by preparing voters for this fall’s big election.

“On this Women’s Equality Day, we are focused on protecting voting rights for all and making sure that everyone who is eligible to vote is able to,” said local League co- president Kelly Sanford. The League, which also was founded in 1920, does not support or oppose candidates and is not affiliated with any political party. “We don’t care who you vote for; we just want everyone to exercise their right to vote.”

“Our foremothers understood that voting provides citizens the ability to have an impact on the critical issues facing their communities,” Sanford continued. “We know that it all begins with getting registered.” This fall, League members in the South Bend area will be registering voters at area high schools. “Women’s Equality Day is a time to celebrate such a basic part of our democratic process—the right to vote—and the opportunities to channel that power into real, lasting change, starting at the grassroots level – not just for women, but for all of us.”

"Members of the League of Women Voters of the South Bend Area are working to make our democracy strong and reflective of our community through voter registration drives, educational forums, and local advocacy." Kelly Sanford said. "We always welcome new volunteers! What better day than the anniversary of the 19th Amendment to get involved?"

To learn more about upcoming events and how to become a member of the League of Women Voters of the South Bend Area visit www.lwvsouthbend.org. For information about the election process, including polling place locations and hours, information directly from the candidates regarding their vision for America’s future, absentee ballot and early voting options, registration deadlines, ID requirements, and much more, please visit www.vote411.org.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy thorough education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. With 800 affiliates across the county, the League is one of the nation’s most trusted organizations.