

*City of Bowling Green  
and*

*County of Warren, Kentucky*

# PROCLAMATION

## CELEBRATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

**June 4, 2019**

**WHEREAS,** The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution will be recognized throughout the United States, as well as in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, during 2019 and 2020; and,

**WHEREAS,** on June 4, 1919, Congress passed the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which reads "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex..."; and,

**WHEREAS,** on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 1920, Tennessee was the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and on August 26, 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was certified and thereby granted American women the right to vote; and,

**WHEREAS,** we recognize that the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was but one step in the journey to universal suffrage; and,

**WHEREAS,** we recognize that many Americans did not have full voting rights until much later in our country's history; and,

**WHEREAS,** despite obstacles, barriers and setbacks, we celebrate the persistence and perseverance that it took to make the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment a reality; and,

**WHEREAS,** today with our community partners we celebrate the progress that has been made towards guaranteeing the right to participate in our democracy and we rededicate ourselves to proactively addressing the challenges that remain to ensure equal representation and expanded opportunities for women; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Bowling Green Board of Commissioners and Warren County Fiscal Court, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2019, as

### **19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution Day**

and hereby call upon all residents of Bowling Green and Warren County to observe this anniversary date by continuing to build awareness and through celebration of the passage and ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



*Brian Vukobratovic*

Mayor, City of Bowling Green

*Michelle B. Buchanan*

Judge Executive, County of Warren

