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### **Hunterdon Freeholders Recognize 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment To The U.S. Constitution**

The Hunterdon County Freeholder Board, during the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote, with a Proclamation commemorating the historic event.

Freeholder and Culture & Heritage Commission Liaison John E. Lanza pointed out that New Jersey has a prominent place in the push for the right for women to vote.

“Due to the untiring efforts and leadership of American suffragist Alice Paul, who hailed from Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, spearheading a movement which led to the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, women have suffrage rights today,” the Freeholder said.

The proclamation recognized that the right to vote also paved the way for women to participate in government, through opportunities to become local elected officials and members of the NJ State Legislature, and Congress.

Freeholder Lanza said, “The sacrifices made by those engaged in the battle to guarantee the rights of citizens of the United States to vote, and to not be denied or abridged by the federal or state governments on account of gender, transformed history.

Let’s honor those who dedicated themselves to the cause, and those who have served our nation in the military to protect our freedom to vote, by using our rights this year – whether you are a man or a woman. It’s too precious to waste.”

The proclamation was presented to the Cultural & Heritage Commission’s Vice Chair Carol Cronheim, a Lambertville resident and former Assistant Secretary of State for New Jersey, who is currently a member of the NJ Women Vote Committee.

For more information on the County’s Cultural & Heritage event, copy and paste the website into your browser: <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/c&h/Events/2020/March14-AnnGordon.pdf>