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## News Release

**For Immediate Release**

**Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum** and the **League of Women Voters of Milwaukee-Waukesha County Branch** are planning a virtual celebration of the 19th amendment centennial.

**WAUKESHA, WI, August 5, 2020** - The Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum will be honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment in August with a month of programs, exhibits, and social media content. One highlight of the month will be a live-streamed virtual program "On Wisconsin: Celebrating 100 Years of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment," co-hosted with the League of Women Voters Milwaukee-Waukesha County Branch, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday 18-August, featuring Dr. Genevieve McBride. Those interested in tuning into the live-stream can find details and links at [www.wchsm.org/suffrage](http://www.wchsm.org/suffrage) or by following the WCHSM and LWV on Facebook.

Dr. McBride, Professor Emerita of History at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will trace women's work in reform movements in the state's politics and press. From the passage of the Fourteenth Amendment in 1866 to the state's historic ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1919, Wisconsin women were never at a loss for words nor a newspaper to print them. McBride brings their voices vividly to life, in their own words on their lifelong work for woman's rights.

Although 2020 has been a challenging year, WCHSM Executive Director Bonnie Byrd is pleased at the opportunities going online provides. "We've spent the last 14 months building up to this anniversary, if anything the virtual format gives us the chance to reach an even greater audience than ever." It also marks the second time the WCHSM and League of Women Voters worked together this year. In February the League celebrated their own 100-year birthday with an event in the restored 1893 Courthouse. The League of Women Voter's Waukesha County Branch Director, Vicki Aro-Schackmuth is excited to participate in the August event and partner once again with the WCHSM. "The suffrage movement led to the birth of our organization and continues to fuel our work today in the fight to defend democracy and empower voters." This is one of several events during the month of August the League will participate in. Visit the League website for more celebrations of the historic passing of

the 19th Amendment. Plus, follow LWV and WCHSM on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for both valuable history and important voter information.

The League of Women Voter's of Milwaukee-Waukesha County Branch can be found at 6737 W. Washington St. #2218, West Allis. WI 53214, phone 414-273-8683 or [www.LWVMilwaukee.org](http://www.LWVMilwaukee.org). The Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum is located in the Historic 1893 Courthouse Complex at 101 W. Main Street in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Current limited hours are Thursday & Friday 1-4 pm and Saturday 10 am – 4 pm. General admission is: free for members, \$7 for adults, \$5 for student, \$3 for children 12-5, and free for children under 5.

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