

Agendum
Oakland University
Board of Trustees Formal Session
June 10, 2019

RESOLUTION
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH
AMENDMENT OF THE US CONSTITUTION, GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE
A Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Office of the President.
2. **Introduction:** The Oakland County Board of Commissioners requested Oakland University's assistance as they honor and celebrate an important milestone in the nation's history – the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote.

Women's right to vote was not easily won. Ratification was the result of decades of organized, grass-roots movements in communities throughout our country. It is in this spirit that the Board of Commissioners have determined that the participation and support of local communities is a key component of this celebration.

The Board of Commissions asked Oakland University to join them in this campaign to raise awareness and celebrate this historic milestone by passing a resolution recognizing this historic centennial through the Board of Trustees.

3. **Previous Board Action:** None.
4. **Budget Implications:** None.
5. **Educational Implications:** This Resolution recognizes an important milestone in the nation's history and embodies inclusiveness in our society.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This Resolution was reviewed and approved by the President.
8. **Recommendation:**

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background across America have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the United States in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

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WHEREAS, the women of this nation initiated the most significant women's movement in history – the need for women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS despite the strong opposition, the inspiration and determination of women nationwide brought about the extraordinary accomplishment – the right for women to vote; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1919, Michigan women cast their vote when Michigan voters ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan was the second state to ratify the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote; and

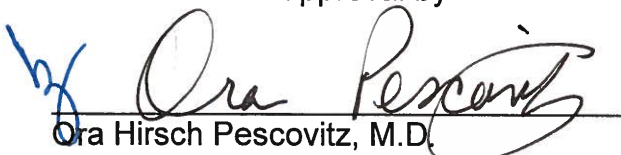
WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, voters across the nation secured the right for women to vote when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified, empowering American women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship stating, "...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, August 26, 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary of the passage of the National Suffrage Amendment, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Oakland University remembers and celebrates the historic women who fought for their right to vote and recognizes the courage and inspiration of these bold women to change the course of history.

9. **Attachments:** None.

Recommended on June 10, 2019
to the Board for approval by


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President