



SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION 234 - 2017

Introduced by Supervisors Collyer, Allen, Lent, Lewza, Tollisen, Veitch and Wright

COMMEMORATING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN VOTING IN NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, 2017 is the one hundredth anniversary of the passage in New York State of the Suffrage Act, granting women in New York the right to vote in local and state elections; and

WHEREAS, New York was the first eastern State to pass women's suffrage, an act that led to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution recognizing the right for women to vote across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the first New York statewide election in which women were permitted to exercise the franchise occurred 100 years ago on November 6, 1917; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County recognizes the long struggle for women to be able to take their place in the world outside their homes and that women across New York State, like Susan B Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mathilda Joselyn Gage, Juanita Breckenridge Bates and Inez Mullholland dedicated their lives to the Suffrage Movement; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga resident, author and philanthropist Katrina Trask's article in favor of the vote was published in the official publication of the National American Woman Suffrage Association: "The democratic plea appeals to me — the plea that women are of the people and there cannot be a complete democracy until all the people vote."; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn H Starbuck, Attorney and Counselor at Law in Saratoga Springs, contributed to the History of Women's Suffrage Trilogy and was an active participant in gaining the vote for women; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors commemorate this historical achievement and landmark moment in the history of New York State, and join in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of women voting in New York State and in this County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors hereby calls upon the residents of Saratoga County to honor the crucial role that women of all races, ethnic and political backgrounds have played in our County's history, as well as their important place throughout our County today, and to celebrate this 100th Anniversary of women's suffrage in New York State.