CITY OF PARK HILLS, KENTUCKY

RESOLUTION NO. 2, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARK HILLS, KENTUCKY RELATING TO THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENTUCKY'S RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT WHICH GRANTED WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1920, Kentucky ratified the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granting national suffrage to women;

WHEREAS, Kentucky's ratification came after years of work by women and men in Kenton County and across the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

WHEREAS, we recognize local suffragettes such as Eugenia B. Farmer, Isabella Shepard, Louise Southgate, Nancy McLaughlin, and many others, who dedicated their time and effort to champion equality;

WHEREAS, organizations created by these women such as the Kenton County Equal Rights Association, Kentucky Equal Rights Association, and many more helped to champion women's suffrage in our community;

WHEREAS, Jessica Firth of Covington, Kentucky was the first woman to run for state public office in Kentucky in 1923;

WHEREAS, states and communities across the nation are celebrating the 19th Amendment and the date of their state's ratification;

WHEREAS, August 26, 2020, will mark the nationwide centennial of the 19th Amendment officially becoming part of the United States Constitution after the required number of states had ratified:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PARK HILLS, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY that the City Council of the City of Park Hills does hereby proclaim:

- 1. The City of Park Hills, Kentucky commemorates January 6, 2020, as the 100th anniversary of Kentucky's ratification of the 19th Amendment and reaffirms Park Hills, Kentucky's commitment to empowering and uplifting the voices of women across our great Commonwealth and in our community.
- 2. The designation of January 6, 2020, as a city holiday celebrating women's equality, to be recognized each year hereafter.

Approved by the City Council this day of January 2020.

CITY OF PARK HILLS, KENTUCKY By: Mayor Kathy Zembrodt Attest: City Clerk