

Interactive Site Commemorates Women's Suffrage Centennial

DOVER – The Delaware Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee is launching its educational, history filled, and interactive website.

The website (de.gov/womenvote100) includes interactive quizzes for kids and adults, reading lists for people of all ages, and lesson plans for teachers and students of all ages. The Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee created a website that includes a historical summary about the general Women's Suffrage Movement as well as Delaware's part in the effort. The site will include perspectives from people of all walks of life, making sure Delaware residents get a complete understanding of the Women's Suffrage Movement.

"We are excited about the launch of the website celebrating 100th anniversary of a woman's right to vote. As a member of the Delaware Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee, it was important to create a digital platform that was interactive, educational, and one that would spark conversations about protecting the right to vote. The resources provided are user-friendly and designed for educators, community advocates and parents. We hope that the resources will be used to empower the next generation of women leaders who will be committed to a modern and forward-thinking movement, building on the powerful foundation as set forth by the Suffragists," said Jackie Griffith, chair of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee and director of government and community relations at Delaware State University.

The Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee was created by the passage of [Delaware House Concurrent Resolution 21](#) on March 28, 2019. The resolution celebrates Delaware's observance of the centennial of the passage and ratification of the 19th

Amendment to the United States Constitution, providing for women's suffrage. The resolution calls on the Delaware Heritage Commission to organize meaningful events and exhibits to honor this anniversary.

The Committee is planning a march and creating a monument to be dedicated to the women and men who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee was formed to "Celebrate, educate, and continue the work of the Women's Suffrage Movement by commemorating the 100th anniversary."

- Celebrate – Recognize that the 19th Amendment was the one of the greatest expansions of women's rights in the history of the United States.
- Educate – Focus on providing people with the history of the Women's Suffrage Movement.
- Continue – Acknowledge that although the Voting Rights Act of 1965 removed some barriers to voting, other barriers still persist.

"Delaware – and our entire country for that matter – is facing a significant moment with the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. It is a time in its history we should not take lightly, so I applaud the fact-finding, creative and innovative work of the Delaware Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee," said House Majority Leader Valerie Longhurst, prime sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 21. "The women's suffrage movement was legendary and multi-faceted, and I am personally inspired by so many trailblazing leaders who have paved the way for women's rights in our state. The subcommittee's new website celebrates this effort by melding history, storytelling and current events, honoring that the right to vote is powerful and needed for women to make their voices heard."

The Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee (de.gov/womenvote100) is made up of appointed members from

various committees in the State of Delaware to ensure we have the best minds at the table while planning the celebration. The Committee helps bring Delaware residents together through knowledge.