

# STATE OF ARKANSAS

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

### PROCLAMATION

EO 17-09

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS: The Governor seeks to ensure a suitable statewide observance of the centennial of women's suffrage and to cooperate and assist national, state, and local organizations with programs and activities suitable for the centennial observance; and

WHEREAS: On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918, a Constitutional Amendment allowing women's suffrage was passed by the United States House; and

WHEREAS: On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1919, the United States Senate passed the Nineteenth Amendment and sent it out to the states for ratification; and

WHEREAS: On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919, Arkansas became the twelfth state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS: On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the United States Constitution, and its centennial celebration will be during the years of 2018 through 2020; and

WHEREAS: The Governor seeks to commemorate, preserve, and honor the efforts of all Arkansans who worked for women's suffrage and ensured the state's timely ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby order the following:

- 1) There is hereby created the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commemoration Committee (the "Committee"), which shall advise the Department of Arkansas Heritage and the Governor on coordination of events, projects, and memorials celebrating the Women's Suffrage Centennial in the State of Arkansas during the years of 2018 through 2020.
- 2) The Committee shall be composed of nine members who will all serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointments shall be made within six weeks of the effective date of this Executive Order. The Committee shall be composed of:
  - a) The Director of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, or a designee from the Department;
  - b) A representative of the Arkansas Women's History Institute;
  - c) The Arkansas State Historian;
  - d) The Arkansas Secretary of State, or a designee;
  - e) A representative of the Arkansas League of Women's Voters;
  - f) A women's history scholar from a state college or university; and

g) Three at-large appointees selected by the Governor.

3) The members of the Committee shall have the following duties:

- a) To advise on programs and activities appropriate to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage and to encourage development of programs that ensure that the commemoration results in a positive legacy and has long-term benefits; to encourage interdisciplinary examination of women's suffrage;
- b) To facilitate women's suffrage-related activities throughout the state;
- c) To encourage civic, historical, educational, economic, and other organizations across the state to organize and participate in activities to expand the understanding and appreciation of the significance of women's suffrage;
- d) To coordinate and facilitate the public distribution of scholarly research, publication and interpretation of women's suffrage; and
- e) To encourage local organizations and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration of the centennial of women's suffrage.
- f) All events, activities, and projects of the Committee shall be completed during the years of 2018 through 2020. The committee shall cease to exist and expire on December 31, 2020.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State