CENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION

DECLARING AUGUST 2020 AS "NATIONAL WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MONTH" IN CELEBRATION, RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the bold, courageous and powerful women who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, deserve special celebration, especially on the 100th anniversary of it's ratification in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native Americans who did not gain the right to vote until 1924. For Asian Pacific Islander Americans it was 1952. African-American and Latin Americans suffered voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, the fact that today women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers reminds us that we all follow in the footsteps of these resolute American suffragists; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution has played an important role in advancing the right of all women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. MEIER, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida encourages residents of the City of Stuart to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 24th day of August, 2020.

_____

MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR