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Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Visits White House to Honor 100 Years of the Nineteenth Amendment



WASHINGTON, D.C., (August 18, 2020) — The [Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission](#) (WSCC) visited the White House this morning to attend the signing of a presidential proclamation commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. During the event, President Donald Trump announced that he will be posthumously pardoning suffragist Susan B. Anthony, who was arrested and convicted of illegally voting in 1872.

One hundred years ago today, on August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment, which prohibits voting discrimination based on sex. On August 26, 1920, the amendment was officially certified into the U.S. Constitution.

The WSCC was created by the U.S. Congress to coordinate the nationwide commemoration of 100 years of the 19th Amendment and women's constitutional right to vote. Through suffrage memorials, historic roadside markers, educational podcasts, virtual events, and more, the WSCC has brought the important history of women's fight for the vote to Americans across the country throughout the 2020 centennial. WSCC commissioners, including WSCC Chair Susan

Combs, WSCC Vice Chair Colleen Shogan, Jovita Carranza, Marjorie Dannenfelser, Heather Higgins, Karen Hill, Kay Coles James, Cleta Mitchell, Penny Nance, and Debra Steidel Wall, and WSCC Executive Director Anna Laymon were honored to join the White House today in marking this historic moment.

“The commission is grateful for the ongoing support of the White House in celebrating the history of the suffrage movement and the courageous suffragists who fought to expand American democracy,” said **WSCC Chair Susan Combs**.

“Over 100 years ago, suffragists organized the first ever pickets outside the White House gates. Today, the commission is excited to join the White House in honoring the memory of these trailblazing women who never gave up the fight for equality,” said **WSCC Vice Chair Colleen Shogan**.

The WSCC and Congress have designated August 2020 as National Women’s Suffrage Month, a month-long celebration honoring the history of women’s fight for the vote. Learn more about the WSCC and upcoming National Women’s Suffrage Month events at www.womensvote100.org/suffragemonth.

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