A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND APPROVING SUPPORT FOR
CACHE CELEBRATION OF WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE 2020

WHEREAS, Utah women were the first in the United States to vote under suffrage laws, with Seraph Young, a 23-year-old schoolteacher, casting her ballot in Salt Lake City on February 14, 1870; and

WHEREAS, Utah women in 1887 lost their voting rights through Congressional legislation known as the Edmunds-Tucker Act; and

WHEREAS, Women and men of Cache County came together after the Edmunds-Tucker Act to gain equal suffrage in the Utah Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Constitution, approved in 1896, included both the right of women to vote and the right of women to hold elected office; and

WHEREAS, Utah was the third state to enfranchise women, following Wyoming (1890) and Colorado (1893); and

WHEREAS, In the year 2020, it will be the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution, which states “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”; and

WHEREAS, In the last 25 years, Utah women's voting participation has declined steadily; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Utah had the highest turnout of women eligible to vote: 76 percent, which number had decreased to 57 percent in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Utah dropped from the #1 ranking for women's turnout in 1996 to #46 in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Cache Celebration of Women’s Suffrage 2020, hereinafter referred to as Cache Celebration 2020, is a non-partisan effort to commemorate the milestones of women’s suffrage in Utah and to educate the public about the importance of voting and the right of women to vote; and

WHEREAS, Utah State University has declared 2020 as the Year of the Woman, and

WHEREAS, The Cache County Council has also supported the Cache Celebration of Women’s Suffrage 2020.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Logan City recognize the efforts of past, present and future women in promoting and encouraging women’s suffrage, as well as the Cache Celebration 2020 in its efforts to educate the public about the importance of voting and the history of women’s suffrage in Utah.

Adopted by the Logan Municipal Council of Logan, Utah, this 17th day of September 2019.

LOGAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
By:

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Jeannie F. Simmonds, Chair

ATTEST:

By: ________________________________
Teresa Harris, City Recorder