

City of New Berlin, Wisconsin

PROCLAMATION

100th Anniversary of Wisconsin Passing the 19th Amendment

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1919 Wisconsin made history by becoming the first state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granting national suffrage to women; and

WHEREAS, Theodora Winton Youmans, graduate of Carroll University, Assistant Editor at the Waukesha Freeman, President of the Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association, and founder of the Wisconsin League of Women's Voters whose New Berlin childhood home still stands in the New Berlin Historical Park, and whose work was instrumental to Wisconsin's efforts for a federal suffrage bill being passed and for our state's quick ratification; and

WHEREAS, thousands of women – wives, sisters, mothers, daughters – in the City of New Berlin, Waukesha County and across the State of Wisconsin marched, spoke out and supported suffrage efforts; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Berlin recognizes the outstanding efforts and dedication of Theodora Winton Youmans; Wisconsin's early ratification paved the way for other states to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, just over a year after Wisconsin's ratification, the 36th state ratified the amendment in August of 1920 making it law; and

WHEREAS, across the nation, states are celebrating the 19th Amendment and the date of their state's ratification.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dave Ament, Mayor of the City of New Berlin, call upon all citizens of New Berlin to recognize the contribution of Theodora Winton Youmans to this historic movement and do hereby proclaim:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISCONSIN'S RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT



The Honorable Mayor Dave Ament

