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SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT AND WOMEN'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION

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The **19th Amendment to the United States Constitution** granted American women the right to vote, a **right known as women's suffrage**, and was ratified on August 18, 1920. The women's suffrage movement was an almost century long struggle to expand the right to vote to women in the United States.

Beginning in the mid-19th century, aside from the work being done by women for broad-based economic and political equality and for social reforms, women sought to change voting laws to allow them the right to vote. National and international organizations formed to coordinate efforts towards that objective, especially the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, founded in 1904, as well as for equality and civil rights for women.

The National Women Suffrage Association, founded by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony focused on the adoption of a constitutional amendment that would grant women the right to vote. In 1888, Susan B. Anthony helped merge the two largest suffrage associations into the National American Women's Suffrage Association, which became what is today the League of Women Voters. The League was formed just six months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote.

This item seeks the Board's recognition of August 18, 2020, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees and protects women's constitutional right to vote. This historic centennial marks a monumental achievement for democracy and equal rights.

This Item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorneys' Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize August 18, 2020 as the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote.