

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4609, by Representatives Dickerson, Skinner, Kagi, Hankins, Eddy, Springer, Lantz, Appleton, Sells, Rolfes, Takko, Williams, Upthegrove, Dunshee, Wood, Chandler, Hudgins, Lovick, Cody, Fromhold, McIntire, Kessler, Linville, McDermott, Warnick, Ericks, Rodne, Blake, Sommers, Darneille, VanDeWege, Morris, Ross, Jarrett, Armstrong, Miloscia and Crouse

WHEREAS, In 1910, Washington State distinguished itself by becoming the first state in the 20th century and the 5th state in the nation to permanently enact women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, This right is contained in the 5th Amendment to the Washington State Constitution, which was approved by the all male Legislature in 1909 and by the all male voters in 1910; and

WHEREAS, Washington's action inspired and reinvigorated the national suffrage movement, which culminated in the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920, assuring all women in the nation the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, 2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, In commemorating the Washington Women's Suffrage Centennial, Washingtonians will be celebrating the basic inclusive principles of democracy, the long and arduous road to achievement of women's suffrage, and the continually expanding roles of women in public and private life; and

WHEREAS, The Washington Women's History Consortium has been charged by the Legislature with providing leadership for statewide and community celebrations of the centennial of women's suffrage; and

WHEREAS, Public information about the Washington women's suffrage movement and centennial is available today in the Columbia Room of the Legislative Building;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives: Recognize the centrality of women's suffrage to democratic values; express appreciation to those who have prepared public exhibits for the Legislative Building; and encourage all to visit, enjoy, and learn from these displays and exhibitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Washington Women's History Consortium.