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Elkhart League of Women Voters Members attend League Day at the Statehouse on Thursday, January 16th, the 100th anniversary of the Indiana Legislature ratifying the 19th amendment.

Beverly Wiemer and Zanzer Anderson and numerous League members from across the state were welcomed by Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch at 9am in the statehouse 3rd floor atrium. In her welcoming speech the Lt. Governor retold a brief history of the Indiana women who were instrumental in the Indiana Suffragette movement. Mrs. Janet Holcomb was also present to greet the League members. A joint resolution honoring the 100th anniversary of Indiana ratifying the 19th amendment was read on the house floor at 10:00am and on the senate floor at 1:30 pm. The Elkhart women met with Senator Linda Rogers to discuss the League positions on Gerrymandering, Education, Women's health and environmental Priorities. A gift of a 2020 Suffragette Calendar was presented to Senator Rogers from the Elkhart League.

A picture panel of Indiana Suffragettes, provided by the Indiana Historical society, was on display in the capitol rotunda. This traveling exhibit will be on display in Elkhart May 2020 at the Havilah Beardsley mansion. On May 21st the Elkhart County League meeting will be held there and the public is welcome free of charge. At this time, will also have a power point on Helen Beardsley, the first State President of the LWV.

The fight for women's right to vote lasted 70 years. Because of Jim Crow laws in many states, black women's right to vote were not secured until the 1965 voting rights act.

The National League of Women Voters position on Voting Rights:
Voting is a fundamental right, and all eligible voters should have the equal opportunity to exercise that right. We are dedicated to ensuring that our elections remain free, fair and accessible.

