



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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Secretary of the State

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Commissioner

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Dear Superintendent:

2020 marks the centennial anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment extending to women the right to vote. Women's suffrage was the largest expansion of democracy in our nation's history and in honor of the occasion we are distributing informational poster series to all towns titled *Rightfully Hers*.

The *Rightfully Hers* posters are produced by the National Archives and we request that you display them in your schools, and rotate them through your libraries or other town buildings where the public can view them.

<https://www.archives.gov/files/exhibits/nates/rightfully-hers-popup-poster-01.pdf>

<https://www.archives.gov/files/exhibits/nates/rightfully-hers-popup-poster-02.pdf>

<https://www.archives.gov/files/exhibits/nates/rightfully-hers-popup-poster-03.pdf>

<https://www.archives.gov/files/exhibits/nates/rightfully-hers-popup-poster-04.pdf>

The struggle for women's suffrage was a national movement that spanned seven decades and was sustained by multiple generations. Still today, it teaches us important lessons about our democracy, specifically that our nation is stronger when all of us can participate in choosing our elected leaders. Of course, the goal of universal suffrage was not achieved until much later when Congress passed the National Voting Rights Act of 1965, which is also addressed in the enclosed educational posters.

We invite you to visit the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission website at [VotesForWomen](https://www.votesforwomen.org), where you will find information about the activities of the commission, resources, and events. Thank you very much for your participation in this historic celebration.

Sincerely,

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