

WOMEN VOTERS WEEK, 1964

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the maximum participation of our citizens in the elective process is a basic need for the development of our democracy; and

WHEREAS within our voting-age population there are considerably more women than men; and

WHEREAS the participation of American women in past elections has not been as great as that of men; and

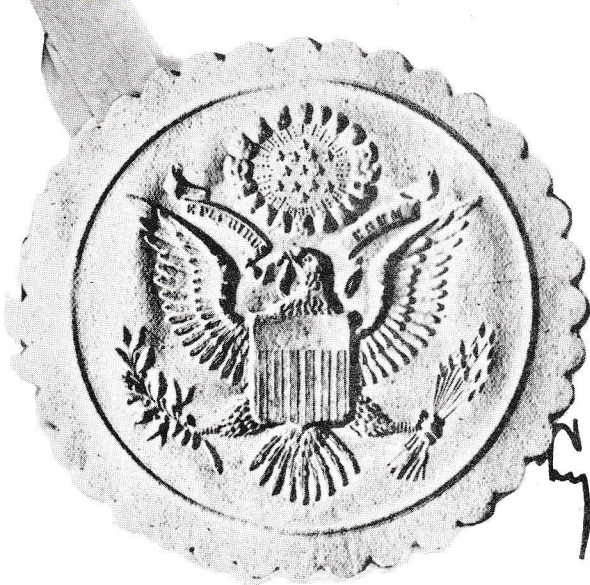
WHEREAS the League of Women Voters and other dedicated groups of our citizens have been undertaking special programs to ensure an increased participation of women in our elections:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning September 13, 1964, as Women Voters Week; and I urge that a special effort be made during this week to ensure maximum registration of qualified women.

I also invite and urge all local election officials throughout the United States to join with private citizens and citizen organizations to publicize registration arrangements during that week and during the whole of the pre-election registration period so as to bring the greatest possible number of our citizens to the polls on November 3.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this *eleventh* day
of *May* in the
year of our Lord



nineteen hundred
and sixty-four,
and of the Inde-
pendence of the
United States
of America the
one hundred and
eighty-eighth.

By the President:

Acting Secretary of State

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League of Women Voters of the United States
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August, 1964

Central 6-0315

RE: Official Proclamation by Governor Kerner
Designating the period of September 13-19,
1964, to be LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WEEK
in Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Illinois has requested that the period of September 13 through September 19, 1964, be set aside as League of Women Voters Week in Illinois, and

WHEREAS, This outstanding civic organization is now in its forty-fourth year of providing vital services to the citizens of this state with non-partisan and objective information on candidates and issues, and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters has provided study and action programs on issues resulting in permanent registration, jury service for women, court reform in Illinois, and plans for natural resources conservation on all governmental levels, and

WHEREAS, Its members have served in Congress, the Illinois General Assembly, governmental boards and commissions on national, state and local levels and by working in the political party of their choice, and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters encourages all citizens to participate in government, and membership in the League is open to all women of voting age who may join any of the local leagues in our state, and

WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters during this election year, publishes candidate information, sponsors candidate meetings, circulates information on ballot issues, and is thus performing an inestimable service to the citizens of Illinois

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Otto Kerner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby designate the period of September 13 - 19, 1964, to be LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WEEK in Illinois, and request the appropriate observance of this occasion.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

(Seal of State
of Illinois)

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this Twenty-Fourth day of July, in the Year of
Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Sixty-Four,
and of the State of Illinois the one hundred and
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(signed) Otto Kerner
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(signed) William H. Chamberlain
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We are in costume tonight to portray the 50th anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States which is also the 50th anniversary of the Woman Suffrage Act which gave Women the right to vote. Carrie Catt, a leader in the campaign for woman suffrage, founded the National League of Women Voters to teach women an understanding of Public affairs so they could vote intelligently.

We are pleased that you have agreed to proclaim May 4 through 11th as League of Women Voters week.

TIME FOR ACTION!!!

WRITE TO: Senator Charles Percy & Senator Ralph T. Smith

RE: Electoral College Reform

In the March VOTER you were urged to write to the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and our Senators Urging the direct election plan. We have just received an even more