

# **90th Anniversary Celebration of the 19th Amendment - Women Vote!**

**Thursday, August 26, 2010  
Wichita State University Metroplex  
29<sup>th</sup> and Oliver**

**Free! Open to the Public**

**Doors Open 6:30 pm, 20 Displays in Lobby**

**Program 7:00-8:30 pm**

**Live Patriotic Music - ARISE Women**

**Suffrage Grand March  
(All women and men in 1920's costumes can participate)**

**Proclamation read by Mayor Carl Brewer**

## **Reflections:**

**Lavonta Williams: City Council  
Lily Wu: WSU Gore Scholar**

**Sylvia Bribiesca Penner: Attorney  
Felicia Rolfe: KWCH News Anchor**

## **Featured Speakers:**

**Linda Weir-Enegren, Founder, Rainbows United and Roots and Wings  
Rev. Dr. M Catherine Northrup, J.D., First Presbyterian Church, Senior Pastor  
Nola Foulston, Sedgwick County District Attorney**

**Finale: State of Kansas LWV President, Ernestine Krehbiel**

**Bring your daughters, granddaughters, friends and neighbors  
to honor those brave early women suffragists.**

### **History of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment:**

It took 72 years, hunger strikes, incarcerations, parades and demonstrations, but finally, in 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution passed, giving women full voting rights.

Beginning with the Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention of 1848, the suffrage movement gained supporters and opponents for the rest of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and on into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 1913, suffragists organized a march on the White House on the eve of Woodrow Wilson's inauguration in Washington, D.C. More than 8,000 women took part in the march.

From 1913 to 1917, the suffragists' martyr status grew as many were jailed and mistreated for picketing on the public sidewalk in front of the White House. Finally, women working for the war effort and popular sentiment turning, President Wilson threw his support to the idea of women having the vote. The rest is congressional history.

**More information: [www.lwwichita.org](http://www.lwwichita.org) or call 316-304-6458**