



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GEORGIA

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### **Celebrating 91 Years of the Power of the Vote**

*League of Women Voters of Georgia Recognizes Anniversary of the 19th Amendment*

[Atlanta, GA] – August 26 marks the 91st anniversary of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters—founded the same year—will celebrate Women’s Equality Day by reflecting on the organization’s historic achievements and looking ahead to the work League members will do this year in Georgia to engage more citizens in the electoral process.

"On this Women’s Equality Day, we take time to recognize not only the historic 19th Amendment, but the tremendous progress we’ve made over the last 91 years in expanding and protecting voting rights," said League president Elizabeth Poythress "Generation after generation, the work of League members across the country is a testament to the incredible legacy of the power of the vote."

"Our foremothers understood that if you don’t vote, you don’t count," stated Kaye Shipley, League Board member. "League members are continuously working to get more citizens to exercise their right to vote, to ensure that there are not barriers for individuals to exercise this fundamental right, and that if you do not vote your voice is not heard."

On Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 2011, the League of Women Voters of Georgia and other organizations will host a celebration of Women’s Equality Day at the State Capitol at noon.

"An engaged citizenry can and does lead to civic improvement at all levels of government," says Kaye Shipley. "Women’s Equality Day is a celebration of such a basic part of our democratic process—the right to vote—and the opportunities to channel that power into real, lasting change, starting at the grassroots level – not just for women but for all of us."

"Members of the League of Women Voters of Georgia have worked for 91 years to safeguard democracy through its voter registration efforts, educational forums, and local advocacy." Elizabeth Poythress said. "As a League member, you have the opportunity to have a profound, direct and positive impact on the issues that matter most to our community, and what better day than the anniversary of the 19th Amendment to get involved?"

For information on Women’s Equality Day and other upcoming events, or to learn how to become a member of the League of Women Voters of Georgia visit [www.lwvga.org](http://www.lwvga.org)

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