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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TURNS 86

Respected Grassroots Organization Making Democracy Work in Georgia

[Georgia] – The League of Women Voters of Georgia (LWVGA) celebrates its 86th birthday on February 14, 2006. As the League honors its founding, it is looking to the future. In 2006, as it has throughout its history, the League will continue its important work in the fields of citizen engagement and political reform.

“As we celebrate our history, we remain focused in the present, educating and advocating for a stronger democracy,” said Elisabeth MacNamara, president of the League of Women Voters of Georgia.

“Our members’ hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement in Georgia.” said MacNamara. “Georgia needs everyone to participate in order for it to be a strong, safe and vibrant place to live. Our members work every day toward that goal by reaching out to new citizens and first-time voters, monitoring the independence of the judiciary, improving our election systems and holding public forums on civil liberties and other issues important to our community.”

Over the last year, LWVGA worked tirelessly to protect the voting rights of eligible Georgia voters by opposing the voter ID law, and educated thousands across the state on important public policy issues. LWVGA hosted candidate debates that focused on issues, not politics. And the League served as an independent resource, to decision-makers and the public alike, providing ideas and information free of politics. This is the legacy of the League and what has made us successful for 86 years.

“The League strives to make democracy work for *all* citizens. We have spent 86 years encouraging citizens to take part in their government and their communities,” said Kay J. Maxwell, LWVUS President. “We are a unique organization because we have energetic and engaged volunteers in every community across the nation. The League is where leaders volunteer to make democracy work,” Maxwell declared.

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About the League of Women Voters

Founded in 1920, The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, contact the League of Women Voters of Georgia by e-mailing lwvga@lwvga.org or calling (678) 547-0755.

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