



B 2019 007

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order B 2019 001 Regarding the Women's Vote Centennial Commission

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order B 2019 001 regarding the Women's Vote Centennial Commission.

I. Background and Purpose

In 1893, Colorado voters approved a referendum recognizing women's suffrage, making Colorado the first state to enfranchise women by popular vote. More than 25 years later, the United States Congress voted in favor of the 19th Amendment. The 19th Amendment was ratified by Colorado on December 15, 1919, and was declared in effect by U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby on August 26, 1920.

In 2017, the United States Congress passed the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Act, which established the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and encouraged state and local governments to organize and participate in activities commemorating the centennial of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment. Among the states that have organized such activities are Arizona, Arkansas, Massachusetts, New York, and Tennessee.

On January 3, 2019, Governor Hickenlooper created the Women's Vote Centennial Commission (the Commission) to educate the public on the history of women's suffrage, to commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage in August 2020, and to elevate the struggle for women's suffrage as a learning opportunity as our society continues to ensure that all persons in the U.S. have equal access to the ballot. This Executive Order modifies the membership of the Commission.

II. Amendment

Section III(A) of Executive Order B 2019 001 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Commission shall consist of no less than twenty five members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

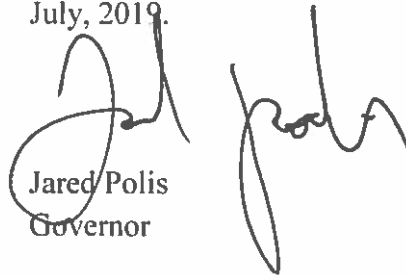


III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by future Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order B 2019 001 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this eighteenth day of
July, 2019.


Jared Polis
Governor