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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to arts and culture; commemorating women's suffrage; appropriating
1.3 money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **WOMAN SUFFRAGE 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Legislative findings.** The legislature finds that Minnesota women were
1.7 on the forefront of the woman suffrage movement. From Harriet Robinson Scott to Clara
1.8 Ueland and Coya Knutson, the women of Minnesota have shaped our local, state, and
1.9 national histories. The year 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of Minnesota's passage of
1.10 the 19th Amendment and the incorporation of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Minnesota League
1.11 of Women Voters to carry on the work of establishing full enfranchisement for women upon
1.12 the dissolution of the Minnesota Woman Suffrage Association. The year 2020 marks the
1.13 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment across the United States. Notably,
1.14 women in South St. Paul, Minnesota, were the first women to vote under the 19th
1.15 Amendment. St. Paul's Sarah T. Colvin was arrested in front of the White House for
1.16 advocating votes for women. The women of Minnesota were paramount in this struggle to
1.17 shape the future and ensure a more just and equitable society for all persons.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Day of recognition.** September 8, 2019, shall be observed as a day of recognition
1.19 of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States
1.20 Constitution by the Minnesota Legislature, making Minnesota the 15th state to pass this
1.21 amendment. Historical, civil, government, nonprofit, educational, business, and other
1.22 organizations are encouraged to mark this anniversary by conducting educational programs
1.23 to help Minnesotans learn about voting rights, particularly the 19th Amendment.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.2 (a) \$200,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund
2.3 to the Minnesota Historical Society to work with the League of Women Voters Minnesota
2.4 to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage by commemorating the 100th
2.5 anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Money may be used for statewide
2.6 outreach to increase historical awareness of the anniversary of women's suffrage and to
2.7 provide financial assistance to local civic and historical organizations, for which the
2.8 Minnesota Historical Society may provide grant administration services.

2.9 (b) The Minnesota Historical Society, in collaborations with the League of Women
2.10 Voters Minnesota, may create a community advisory committee to ensure that diverse voices
2.11 from across the state will guide activities under this section.