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Hawaii Attorney General Partners with Federal Group on 100 Years of Women's Voting Rights

HONOLULU – Attorney General Clare E. Connors today announced a campaign to teach kids about the 19th Amendment (women's right to vote) on the cusp of its 100th anniversary. The Department of the Attorney General is conducting this campaign in partnership with the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission (WSCC), the federal commission created by Congress to ensure a proper commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the 19th Amendment, and in cooperation with the Original Flat Stanley Project.

"It is vitally important that we all commemorate this anniversary," said Attorney General Connors. "Today is the day that Susan B. Anthony stood up for her right to vote and through August 26th, 2020, our office will be working with keiki to teach them how important this right is to all of us."

Today, nationwide, attorneys general are joining Attorney General Connors and the WSCC in highlighting the centennial of women's right to vote and teaching kids about Susan B. Anthony with a paper cutout.

"We want youngsters around America to go to www.WomensVote100.org to download and decorate 'Flat Susan B," said Susan Combs, Chairwoman of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. "Take her on adventures from the classroom to historic sites, even to the courtroom to meet today's judges, prosecutors and attorneys. We want young Americans to learn about this unique history and celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's equality in the voting booth."

Prior to the 19th Amendment's adoption, Virginia Minor, battled all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court for her right to vote and lost.¹

¹ https://www.nps.gov/jeff/learn/historyculture/the-virginia-minor-case.htm

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Suffragists continued to fight for equality at the ballot box and succeeded when the 19th Amendment was added to the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920, finally guaranteeing women the right to vote.

"Flat Susan B" is available for download at www.WomensVote100.org, as is a list of historic sites and state-by-state activities where Americans can photograph "Flat Susan B" and post the photos to social media using hashtags #WomensVote100 and #FlatSusanB.

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