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*Greetings from the Governor*  
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On August 26, 1920, our nation witnessed the extension of voting rights to women in all states through the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This historic moment forever changed the social and political landscape of our country.

Voting is one of our nation's most treasured freedoms, and for good reason. It enables the people to decide who will represent them and has an enormous impact on issues that affect their daily lives. Equally important to empowering women with a voice, women's suffrage laid the foundation for a culture that embraces women as leaders, and today the United States is privileged to have accomplished women leaders in all sectors of society.

We have made much progress over the past 90 years, but there is still work to be done. Together, we must remain committed to fighting for equality and fairness for all women.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine O. Gregoire".

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