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Evansville, IN, January 8, 2020 – To commemorate 100 years since the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment and the birth of the League of Women Voters organization, the <u>League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana</u> will present Votes for Women: 1920 – 2020 on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Victory Theatre.

In collaboration with <u>Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library</u>, Votes for Women: 1920 – 2020 will feature author and journalist <u>Elaine</u> <u>Weiss</u>.

Author of <u>The Women's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote</u>, Elaine Weiss has been recognized with prizes from the Society of Professional Journalists, and her work has been featured in *The Atlantic, New York Times*, and *Boston Globe*. An account of the 1920 ratification of the constitutional amendment that granted voting rights to women, *The Women's Hour* traces the culmination of seven decades of legal battles and cites the pivotal contributions of famous suffragists and political leaders.

Indiana's <u>Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch</u> will make opening remarks and introduce Weiss' presentation. Lt. Gov. Crouch serves as Chair of the <u>Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission</u>.

"I am thrilled to join the League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote," said Lt. Governor Crouch. "It is so important to carry on the legacy of the suffrage movement and continue to celebrate the passionate women and men who spoke up at a critical time and boldly pushed Indiana forward."

This event is made possible through generous support from sponsors like The Women's Hospital, University of Evansville, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, and Scripps Howard Foundation.

The League of Women Voters is a respected national grassroots organization, where individuals are actively engaged in creating positive change on the local, state, and national levels. See LWVSWIN.ORG.

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