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Celebrating Women's Suffrage With the First Historic Marker on the National Votes for Women Trail

Louisville, Ky. – To celebrate the centennial of the passing of the 19th Amendment, the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (NCWHS) and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation have partnered to launch a new historic marker program commemorating the history of women's suffrage in the United States.

The first marker, honoring **suffrage leader Susan Look Avery**, will be dedicated at 11:15 a.m. on March 6, 2019 at The Woman's Club of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky, to commemorate Avery who founded the Woman's Club of Louisville and The Wyoming Equality Club (later the Susan Look Avery Club), co-founded the Louisville Suffrage Association (later the Louisville Equal Rights Association) and was a charter member of The Warsaw Equality Club.

In addition to NCWHS President Marsha Weinstein, Pomeroy Foundation Trustee Deryn Pomeroy, and an Avery family descendant, the marker dedication ceremony will feature Spalding University President Tori Murden McClure, the first woman and first American to row solo across the Atlantic and first woman and first American to ski the South Pole.

Historic markers awarded through the grant program are highlighting sites on the National Votes for Women Trail (NVWT). Sponsored by the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, the National Votes for Women Trail seeks to recognize and celebrate the enormous diversity of people and groups active in the struggle for women's suffrage. The Trail consists of two parts: 1) a database with digital map and 2) a program of historic markers for about 250 women's suffrage sites across the country, funded by the Pomeroy Foundation and the federal Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.

The Pomeroy Foundation, which is a private, grant-making foundation based in Syracuse, N.Y., is providing grants through its National Women's Suffrage Marker Grant Program to recognize historically significant people, places or things across the United States instrumental to women's suffrage.

About The Woman's Club of Louisville

The Woman's Club of Louisville was organized with the continuing purpose of promoting and supporting civic improvements, championing the educational and philanthropic needs of the

community — especially where women and children are concerned — and cultivating the fine arts. Established on March 1, 1890 as a woman's volunteer organization for civic, cultural and community services. The WCL promoted woman's suffrage, equal property rights, child labor laws. They sponsored the KY Forestry Commission, Juvenile Court, literacy and public health. They began the Younger Woman's Club and a No-Jury Art Show. They are the co-founder of the Louisville Deaf Oral School, now known as Heuser Hearing Institute.

Visit: <http://www.wclouisville.org>

About NCWHS

The National Collaborative for Women's History Sites is a non-profit organization established to support and promote the preservation and interpretation of sites and locales that bear witness to women's participation in American history. NCWHS is dedicated to making women's contributions to history visible so all women's experiences and potential are fully valued.

Visit: www.ncwhs.org

About the Pomeroy Foundation

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history; and to raising awareness, supporting research and improving the quality of care for patients and their families who are facing a blood cancer diagnosis. One of its initiatives is helping people to celebrate their community's history. The Pomeroy Foundation meets this part of its mission by providing grants to obtain signage in the form of historic roadside markers and plaques. Since 2006, they have funded over 1,400 markers and plaques across the United States, all the way to Alaska. Visit:

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