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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to support and encourage the advancement of the National Women's Suffrage Museum in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The City of Knoxville is the ideal location for such a huge project that commemorates Women's Suffrage because of our ongoing commitment to preserving the history of Women's Suffrage and celebrating the achievement of women. Our city already houses two statues honoring Suffragists in the Market Square park in downtown Knoxville. One statue honoring three of the leaders of the Women's Suffrage Movement, and another honoring Febb Burn, a Tennessean who wrote her son, State Representative Harry Burn, a letter asking him to vote in favor of the 19th Amendment, which he abided by, causing the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

This existing commemoration, in conjunction with the buildings on Gay Street already purchased by the National Women's Suffrage Museum, make Knoxville the perfect location for the museum.

Though we honor and remember the women of the past who made a remarkable historical impact on the world in August of 1920, we also praise the women making an impact on our lives and culture today. Knoxville also houses the

Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, honoring past and living legends of Women's Basketball. With the rise in popularity of women's sports nationwide, Knoxville is uniquely adept to honor Women's History and the ongoing progress of women.

Lastly, Knoxville is a large tourism hub, bringing thousands of visitors from all over the world, which would be an asset to the National Women's Suffrage Museum, not just to bring in business to the museum, but also to spread the story of Women's Suffrage to these visitors. Knoxville has two major interstates that run through the city, I-40 and I-75, both bringing in travelers from all over, many of which are heading to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the most visited National Park in the country, just roughly an hour outside of Knoxville.

All of these reasons, combined with the rich Women's Suffrage history in the State of Tennessee, make Knoxville the perfect fit to be the home of the National Women's Suffrage Museum. I proudly support the museum and its efforts to open its doors in my hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sincerely,



State Representative Gloria Johnson

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