

January 31, 2022

To the Chairman of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

We wholeheartedly support SB 179, introduced by Senator Jeff Pittman of Leavenworth, designating February 15 as Susan B. Anthony Day in the state of Kansas. It is important that we recognize this significant date in history because it was right here in Kansas that the first referendum for woman suffrage was held in the United States in 1867. Then, and in subsequent years, Miss Anthony returned to Kansas ad Leavenworth to campaign for suffrage because she felt that in Kansas, our early pioneering ancestors were up to the task of claiming rights for women.

Susan B. Anthony always took an interest in Kansas as a field for suffrage work, even adopting it as “her state.” Following the successful 1887 campaign in Kansas for women’s municipal suffrage, Miss Anthony noted, “Kansas is the pivot upon which turns the question of equal rights. Not only the other states, but England and other countries are looking to you, for their success depends on you. But the women of Kansas have already more than equaled our most sanguine expectations, and I have no fears for the future.” November 1, 1887

Again, Kansas must take her rightful place in history as a staunch advocate for human rights.

Sincerely,

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