

Proclamation

Although women in Kansas already had the right to vote, Kansas Governor Henry J. Allen recalled the Kansas legislature for a special session in June of 1919 for the purpose of extending the U.S. constitutional right of equal suffrage to women.

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STATE OF KANSAS

HENRY J. ALLEN, GOVERNOR

TOPEKA

June 9, 1919.

P R O C L A M A T I O N .

WHEREAS, The Congress has submitted to the states by constitutional amendment the proposition of extending to women the right to vote equally with men, and,

WHEREAS, This question must be settled by the legislatures of the states and believing the privilege of voting for president and Congress to be the highest privilege of the voter, and,

WHEREAS, the legislature will not meet in regular session until after the next national election and believing that the right of the women of the whole country should be determined before such election, I therefore, declare that an emergency exists for convening the Legislature in special session as provided for by the constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry J. Allen, Governor of the State of Kansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution of the State, do hereby convene the Legislature of the State of Kansas, to meet at the Capitol of the State, in Topeka, at the hour of Noon, on the 16th day of June, 1919, to consider what is generally known as the Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the seal of the State of Kansas.

Done at Topeka, Kansas, and the day and year first above written.

HENRY J. ALLEN

Governor.

(Seal)