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Centennial of the Equal Suffrage Amendment Act Celebrated at the Legislature Building

Edmonton – More than 100 Albertans will gather in the Alberta Legislature rotunda on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, to celebrate the centennial of the 1916 passing of the *Equal Suffrage Statutory Law Amendment Act*.

The act, which gave most Alberta women the right to vote in provincial elections, was an important step in the continuing evolution of democracy in Alberta and Canada. It wasn't until 1960, with the inclusion of indigenous people through amendments to federal legislation, that all Alberta women gained the right to vote.

Our Vote Edmonton, a volunteer and nonpartisan group of Edmonton women, is marking this anniversary to honour the work that continues to evolve our democracy. Attendees include women who have contributed to the quality of life of all Albertans through politics, the arts, activism, education, health care, social justice, business, science and volunteering.

Speaker Wanner will host this celebration in the Legislature Building rotunda on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, beginning at 12:10 p.m. sharp.

The event will also feature a musical performance of *The Nellie McClung Song* by Maria Dunn.

Speakers at the event include:

- Honourable Robert E. Wanner, MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
- Honourable Stephanie McLean, MLA, (on behalf of Premier Notley) and Minister of Status of Women
- Mr. Brian Jean, MLA, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition
- Ms. Sandra Jansen, MLA (on behalf of Ric McIver, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition)
- Dr. Tracey Lindberg, Director of Indigenous Education, Athabasca University
- Andrea Vogel, Fair Vote Alberta, Edmonton Chapter

A stand-up tea and conversation will follow the event in the lower rotunda.

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