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Woman Suffrage Movement Program on Facebook Live

Roseburg, OR – The community is invited to the Facebook Live streaming event *Nevertheless, They Persisted: The Woman Suffrage Movement & the Struggle for Voting Rights* on Thursday, September 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The speaker is Eliza E. Canty-Jones of the Oregon Historical Society, and the program co-sponsors are Roseburg Public Library, the Douglas Education Service District and League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley.

The year 2020 marks two important anniversaries in our nation's voting-rights history: the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment and the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment. With these additions, the U.S. Constitution vastly expanded full citizenship rights across the nation. Oregonians debated and celebrated both changes, and Oregonians offered key leadership in the campaigns for woman suffrage – including winning the ballot for Oregon women in 1912. Inspired by the Oregon Historical Society's exhibit [*Nevertheless, They Persisted: The Nineteenth Amendment and Women's Voting Rights*](#), Canty-Jones will deliver a lecture and discuss Oregon's role in the historical (and ongoing) fight for equal access to the ballot. During the live stream, Canty-Jones also will answer questions from the audience.

Canty-Jones has served as Editor of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* since 2007 and Director of Community Engagement at the Oregon Historical Society since 2013. She produces scholarship, public programs and organizational partnerships that advance complex and diverse perspectives on Oregon's past. She holds an M.A. in Pacific Northwest and Public History from Portland State University and a B.A. in English from St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she was founding co-editor of *SlackWater: Oral Folk History of Southern Maryland*. Canty-Jones was co-founder and served as President of the Oregon Women's History Consortium, which created the statewide centennial project *Century of Action: Oregon Women Vote, 1912–2012*.

A Facebook account is not required to view the program.

Speaker questions may be submitted before the event to Kris Wiley at kwiley@cityofroseburg.org or 541-492-7051. Alternately, viewers who have a Facebook account may post questions during the event by commenting on the Facebook Live stream.

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