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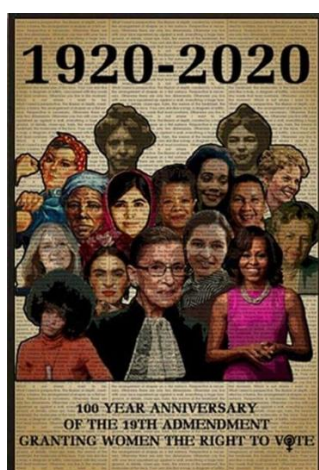
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### **IDC RECOGNIZES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE IN USA**



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August 18, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution being ratified, granting and protecting women's the right to vote in the United States.

Though this anniversary is a celebrated milestone in American history, the reality is that not all women were able to immediately exercise their right to vote as racial discrimination kept Black women, and Black Americans in general, from voting. In fact, it wasn't until the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 45 years after the 19th Amendment was passed, that the federal government made it illegal to disenfranchise a person based on race.

It wasn't until 1964 that the 24th amendment that the U.S. Constitution prohibited a poll tax in federal elections, and in 1965 the voting rights act passed, which prohibited racial discrimination against voters. While this may seem as a large victory, it still wasn't until a year later that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that poll taxing was unconstitutional in all elections.

As America continues to deal with a global pandemic, as well as racial unrest in the country, exercising the right to vote in the 2020 election has never been more important, though ongoing acts of voter suppression still deny many people their right to vote today.

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