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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

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Annapolis, MD, May 22, 2014 --- On Monday, June 9 at 10:00 am, the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution will host an unveiling ceremony for a newly erected historical marker in Overlea. The public is asked to join Senator Kathy Klausmeier in memorializing the site on June 9th in front of the Natural History Society of Maryland located at 6908 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21206. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

In 1913, women who supported the Suffragist Movement stopped in Overlea, Maryland, as part of their march from New York City to Washington D.C., in order to demand their right to vote.

The Commission is made up of representatives of various government agencies and private organizations who work on issues related to voting and the participation of women in politics. During the 2013 Legislative Session of the General Assembly, Senator Klausmeier sponsored the legislation that created the Commission. The Honorable Gloria Lawlah, Secretary of Department of Aging, chairs the Commission. The memorial sign unveiling is one of many events that will take place over the next six years commemorating the events that occurred in Maryland connected to women's suffrage and the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Ratified by two-thirds of the states by August 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution gave women the right to vote in the United States. This Commission is authorized by Chapter 603, Acts of 2013 (Code State Government Article, sec. 9-300).

"The 19th Amendment ranks as one of the major milestones in the history of civil rights in our great nation," says Chairwoman Lawlah.

"I am humbled by the women suffragists, including women from Overlea that marched from New York City to the District of Columbia for their right to cast a vote in every election in America. It amazes me that this significant moment in women's history happened nearly 100 years ago," said Senator Klausmeier.

For more information about the Commission and future events, visit our website at <http://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen>.