

League of Women Voters celebrates 93rd birthday

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The League of Women Voters celebrated its 93rd anniversary this week.

Since its founding in 1920, the league has worked to protect and uphold the constitutional right to vote. It notes, as it celebrates its successes, there is a concern about challenges to democracy such as the upcoming Supreme Court review of *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder* which challenges the constitutionality of the

Voting Rights Act of 1965, landmark legislation that ensures every American citizen, regardless of race, has an equal right to vote. Should the court rule against the VRA, which prevents states from passing discriminatory voting rules, the right to vote for millions of Americans would be at risk.

“The thought that the Supreme Court might soon overturn the Voting Rights Act and limit voting rights should send a chill down the spine of every American,” said league President Georgia DeGregorio, “The League believes we should be expanding voting rights, not curtailing them, and working to make elections free, fair and accessible to all eligible citizens.”

The League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metropolitan Area is one of nearly 800 leagues in all 50 states that work to protect voters’ rights. Membership is open to men and women of all ages. For more information, visit www.lwv-rma.org.

The League’s next event, “Facing Race Embracing Equity,” will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Ave.

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