

January 31, 2022

To the Chairman of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

I am in full support of SB 179, designating February 15 as Susan B. Anthony Day in the state of Kansas.

In 1867, Ms. Anthony began campaigning in Kansas to support full women's suffrage in the state. Despite her efforts and those of many others, a constitutional amendment for full suffrage was voted down. She remained diligent with her efforts and in 1879 was in Topeka to deliver a speech on women's suffrage. In 1888 and 1889 Anthony attended the annual conferences of the Kansas Equal Suffrage Association. She returned to Kansas in the summer of 1894 to campaign for an equal suffrage amendment. These campaigns and nationwide speaking tours proved crucial to the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment. Unfortunately, Ms. Anthony did not live to see that day.

Let's honor Ms. Susan B. Anthony on February 15.

Respectfully,

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