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Re: League of Women Voters marks Bill of Rights Day: Calls for Continued Protection of Civil Liberties

The League of Women Voters of Geneva-St. Charles marked the 218th anniversary of the signing of the Bill of Rights with a call for civic vigilance and participation in our local municipalities.

For 88 years, the League has worked to defend civil liberties and promote citizen engagement in democracy, and we continue this emphasis today. It is particularly important for Americans, especially all those who voted for the first time during this historic election season, to recognize the critical importance of protecting and honoring our most cherished constitutional rights.

Throughout the year, League members work in our community to protect our liberties and make the most of them by encouraging voting, discussing important issues, and holding elected officials accountable for their actions. In the last few months our league has held candidate forums; provided e-slate training for seniors; assisted high school students in a mock election; registered voters; published an on-line voters' guide; and established an observer corps to monitor county government.

The Bill of Rights is not only an important part of our nation's history, but also a living document that will guide us into the future.

Join us in making democracy work! Visit www.lwvgenstc.org for more information.

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