

## HJR 21 Joint Resolution Reaffirming the Value of Women (Kwan/Vickers) Utah's Early Conversations on Women's Suffrage and Rights

"Equal Suffrage will prove the brightest and purest ray of Utah's glorious star; it will shine forever in the immortal galaxy, as a beacon light on the tops of the mountains beckoning our sister States and Territories upward and onward to the higher plane of civilization, and the fuller measure of civil and religious liberty."

-Franklin S. Richards

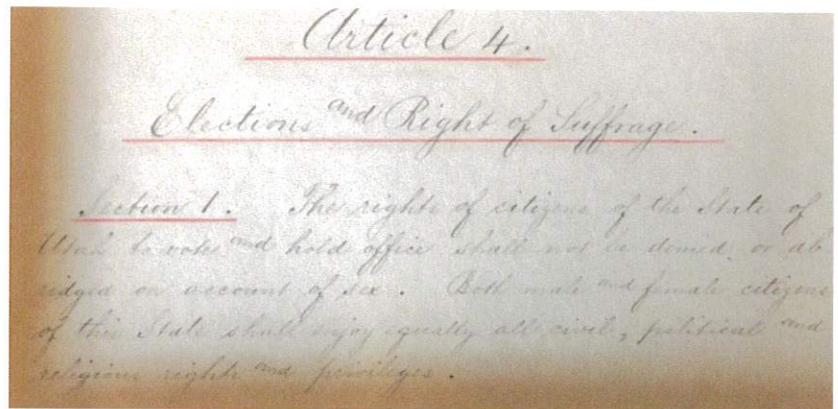


"To my own mind the right of women to vote is as obvious as my own right. When we have established the righteousness of the case for a Democracy; when we have proven the case for universal manhood suffrage we have made clear the case for womanhood suffrage as well."

-George Sutherland

"It is woman's destiny to have a voice in the affairs of government. She was designed for it. She has a right to it. This great social upheaval, this woman's movement that is making itself heard and felt, means something more than that certain women are ambitious to vote and hold office. I regard it as one of the great levelers by which the Almighty is lifting up this fallen world, lifting it nearer to the throne of its creator."

-Orson F. Whitney



**Original Utah Constitution Article 4, Section 1**



"We expected it of the men of Utah. No man could have stood by the side of his mother and heard her tell of all that the pioneers endured, and then have refused to grant her the same right of liberty he wanted for himself, without being unworthy of such a mother. [Utah is one of the] crown jewels of our Union . . . on the crest of the Rockies, above all the others. Utah is . . . dear to the heart of every woman who loves liberty in these United States.;"

-Anna Howard Shaw

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah reaffirms the equal political, civil, and religious rights and privileges granted by the Utah Constitution for both men and women.**

