



TOWN OF STRATFORD
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“LILLIE DEVEREUX BLAKE DAY” DECLARED IN STRATFORD
Day recognizes prominent suffrage activist and author

STRATFORD – Mayor Laura Hoydick has declared today Lillie Devereux Blake Day in the Town of Stratford in honor of the suffragist and author with Stratford roots who played a major role in the fight to get women the vote.

The great granddaughter of Founding Father William Samuel Johnson of Stratford, she was born on August 12, 1833, grew up in both Stratford and New Haven, she would eventually become a central figure in the effort for women’s suffrage, becoming the president of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association from 1879-1890, and the New York City Woman Suffrage League from 1886-1900.

“As the Town joins the rest of the state and nation in commemorating the 100th anniversary of the right for women to vote, it is important that we recognize the many essential figures from right here in Stratford who played prominent roles in achieving the right to vote for women,” said **Mayor Laura R. Hoydick**, who is the first woman elected Mayor of Stratford. “Lillie Devereux Blake was instrumental in attaining passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote, as well as an active crusader in changing laws and policies that hindered women’s rights. It is important that we honor and recognize her contributions, and I ask Stratford residents to join with me in remembering and acknowledging the importance of what she did for all of us.”

Mayor Hoydick issued an official proclamation this morning designating the day.

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