

HELP THE IONIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN MICHIGAN

IONIA FREE FAIR PARADE

SATURDAY JULY 14, 11AM

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN IONIA

In 1918, only 100 years ago, Michigan men approved a state constitutional amendment granting Michigan women the right to vote. To mark the centennial, the ICHS invites women of all ages to march together in period costume in the Ionia Free Fair Parade.



<http://absolutemichigan.com/michigan/womens-suffrage-in-michigan/>

COSTUME GUIDELINES

Between your closet, sisters, and the thrift store, suffragette costumes are easily assembled. Endless historical inspiration awaits you online, or simply follow a few simple guidelines: sensible dark shoes, long dark skirts, and a button-up long sleeve white or dark blouse. You can accent your costume with a hat, dark tie, pin, suffragette slogan (sash, pennant or sign), or a patriotic flag. To look cohesive as a group, we're looking for white and very dark colors to mimic a black and white photo—the color pop will be American flags and banners, as in the photo above. The overall parade theme is American Patriotism, so ladies, let's show them how it's done.

SLOGAN/SIGNAGE GUIDELINES

Background should either be white or black—no color. Lettering should be black, white or gray and of period font. **Please no color or glitter.** If using black or white marker, color in completely to be period appropriate. Sign materials should be authentic to the era (cloth, wood, canvas, etc.). No poster board. Only use era-appropriate phrases/wording; again, the internet is your time-travelling friend! A limited number of flags and signs will be made ahead and available on a first-come basis.

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE BY MIDNIGHT JULY 4

Email ICHS board member Stacy Tchorzynski at stacytchorzynski@gmail.com to register. Registration is free! Gather your sisters—groups encouraged. We'll need your names, city and county, number in your group, and a contact email. The ICHS will keep your information private and emails will only be used for event alerts. This step is essential and required to get an accurate count of participants to time the parade. Participation is limited to the first 100 women who register. Additional information regarding the rendezvous and parade route will be given to you upon registration.

Learn about women's suffrage in Michigan: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/03/08/woman-suffrage>
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