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**PRESS STATEMENT**

**Governor Cuomo Includes Funding for Early Voting in 30-Day  
Amendments**

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“The League of Women Voters of New York State applauds Governor Cuomo for including \$7 million in funding for early voting in his 30-day budget amendments, recognizing that implementing early voting will require funding from the state. Although the proposed legislation will not take effect until the 2019 elections, this money provides crucial assistance to county board of elections as they begin to plan for future elections and upgrade their technology. The League has supported early voting for several years and we are thrilled to see that the Governor recognizes the importance of this program by providing seed funding and thereby avoiding passage of an unfunded mandate.

New York State has had an abysmal rate of voter turnout and participation for far too long. With these reforms, voters will be able to vote at a time when it is most convenient for them. We thank Governor Cuomo for recognizing the importance of democracy and we hope that the Assembly and Senate will follow the Governor’s lead and fund these reforms in the 2018-2019 state budget.”