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**League of Women Voters – Hill**  
**Country Texas**

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## RESOLVE TO VOTE!

Now that the New Year has come perhaps you have made some Resolutions. If you did not “resolve” to vote it isn’t too late to add that resolution. Most likely it will be easier than the resolution to lose weight. There are several steps involved to ensure that you will be ready to vote in each and every election.

Are you registered? If so, you should have received a white and orange “Voter Registration Certificate” in the mail from the county in which you reside. It will show “Valid from 01/01/2020 thru 12/31/2021”. If you live in Gillespie County and did not receive your certificate and believe you should have, contact the Gillespie County Voter Registrar, Anissa Herrera at 830-997-6518. If you have recently turned 18 or moved from another county, you should register. Once again, you may contact the Voter Registrar to get an application or you can print one from <https://my.lwv.org/texas/voting-elections/register-vote>. You will have to mail in the application or take it to the county registrar’s office. You cannot register to vote online in Texas. The deadline to register in order to vote in the March 3 Primary Election is February 3.

Once you are registered, be aware of the upcoming election dates. On March 3 Texas will hold Primary Elections. Each major party, Republican and Democratic, holds separate elections to determine which candidates will appear on the ballot on the November 3 General Election. For the Primary Election you must choose which party you want to vote in and you may not vote in both. You do not have to vote for the same person(s) in the General Election, but if there is a run-off election after the primary you will not be allowed to cross party lines. In Gillespie County there will be an election on May 2 for school board members and Fredericksburg City Council. These local elections are important and should not be ignored. Early voting is available two weeks before each election, and you can consult the Gillespie County Voter Registrar’s website to find dates, times, and locations for early voting.

The League of Women Voters of Texas is non-partisan, and they offer a service for persons to receive voting reminders via text message. Text LWVTX to 80123 to receive nonpartisan voting reminders on your phone. Before voting take some time to educate yourself about the issues and or candidates on the ballot. Vote411.org sponsored by LWV is a non-partisan site that provides unbiased information. Candidates, themselves, respond to questions from the League so you can determine which best fits your beliefs and concerns for your community.

If you would like to join the League or would like additional information go to <https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-hill-country>. Janice Zitelman is chair of the Gillespie Unit of League of Women Voters Hill Country Texas and she can be reached at 830-285-1535.

**RESOLVE TO VOTE AND BE A SMART VOTER!**