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**League of Women Voters of Centre County Honored with
2022 Madison Award for Civility in the Community**

The League of Women Voters of Centre County will be the 2022 recipient of the Madison Award for Civility in the Community, sponsored by Constitution Day Centre Inc. The award honors individuals or organizations that have made longtime contributions to civility and community service, the hallmarks of American democracy.

David Hutchinson, president of Constitution Day Centre Inc., noted: “The League of Women Voters of Centre County has been a dedicated community leader for nearly 70 years by promoting voter participation and giving a voice to all Americans. This is accomplished at all three levels of government—local, state and Federal-- by engaging in both broad educational efforts and advocacy. Our board is proud to present the 2022 Madison Award to the LWVCC.”

The League of Women Voters is a nationwide, nonpartisan grassroots organization of women and men who believe that through informed action, people can make profound changes in their communities. The League of Women Voters of Centre County (LWVCC) was formed almost 70 years ago, to improve local government and engage all Centre County residents in government decisions and policies that impact their lives.

Jan Koch, LWVCC president, said, “The LWVCC is honored to receive the prestigious Madison Award for the work we do to encourage civil discourse and active engagement of county residents with their government through education, advocacy, and voting. Our activities include voter registration drives, town halls, voter guides, local candidates’ forums and outreach to Penn State and high school students. Most recently, LWVCC helped launch Penn State University’s League of Women Voters, the first collegiate level League in the nation.

Koch added, “The organization never endorses or opposes political parties or candidates. We are relentlessly non-partisan. LWVCC, however, endorses or opposes government policies, depending on the impact those policies have on the public and the governing system of checks and balances.”

Constitution Day Centre Inc. is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting learning about the U.S. Constitution and civil conversations among people of all beliefs. Activities include annual events and the Madison Award for Civility in the Community. Previous honorees are Pat Daugherty of The Tavern Restaurant (2019) and Centre Volunteers in Medicine (2021).

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