

# Kentuckians and Civic Action



Gov. Edwin P. Morrow, Kentucky Historical Society

## ***Governor Edwin P. Morrow***

On January 6, 1920, Kentucky Gov. Edwin P. Morrow signed the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The commonwealth became the twenty-fourth state to ratify the amendment.

Born in **Somerset** in November 1877, Morrow's father was a Union veteran and a founder of the Kentucky Republican Party. After attending Cumberland College, Morrow practiced law in Lexington and Somerset and was a U.S. district attorney before being elected governor in December 1919.

His gubernatorial platform included women's suffrage. Morrow also worked to end mob violence and lynching. He was generous with pardon powers and established normal schools at Murray and Morehead, which eventually became state universities.

Morrow died in Frankfort in 1935.