



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 26, 2024 AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the struggle for women's equality has been marked by the unwavering courage and tireless advocacy of women suffragists who organized, petitioned, and protested for the right to vote across the United States; and

WHEREAS, through decades of sustained efforts, including relentless lobbying, rallies, and acts of civil disobedience that often met with harsh opposition and imprisonment, these activists laid the foundation for gender equality in voting; and

WHEREAS, August 26 marks the anniversary of the passage and subsequent certification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920, which granted women the right to vote and signified a pivotal moment in the fight for gender equality; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day was established in 1971 to commemorate this historic event and to remind us of the ongoing efforts required to achieve full equality for women in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Barbara County Commission for Women, since its establishment in 1973, has been at the forefront of promoting women's well-being and equal status throughout Santa Barbara County, breaking down barriers and creating a community designed to meet the educational, employment, and related needs of women and girls; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Women's Equality Day not only honors those who fought for women's suffrage but also emphasizes the importance of continuing advocacy for equitable rights across socio-economic, political, and cultural spheres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that August 26 is recognized as Women's Equality Day, a day to reflect on the profound historical impacts of the suffrage movement and to recommit to the pursuit of equal rights for all.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 27th day of August, 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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