



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

WHEREAS, the women of the United States were once denied certain rights and privileges afforded to men and still struggle for full equality and justice today; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote was certified as part of the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 1920 and was the culmination of a 72-year-long civil rights movement that originated at the world's first women's rights convention held in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848; and

WHEREAS, several generations of women's suffrage supporters wrote, lectured, marched, and lobbied to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change to the Constitution. Few early supporters lived to see victory in 1920; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Movement across America has generated tremendous positive changes by incorporating women into the workforce and military, participating in the political process, and by extending suffrage to all members of society; and

WHEREAS, these achievements reflect the vision and determination of the women suffragists who stood for a freer society and changed our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation is grateful for the bold leadership of American women who have opened doors of opportunity for women of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the women of the US have designated August 26, the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Women's Equality Day to celebrate and cherish past and present accomplishments of the Women's Movement witnessed here in the County of Santa Barbara and across the country.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 26th day of August, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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