

***RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY FOR THE COMMENDABLE WOMEN'S
MOVEMENT THAT HAS IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
ALL CITIZENS OF AMERICA***

WHEREAS, *The women of the United States were once treated as second-class citizens, denied certain rights and privileges, and still struggle for full equality today; and*

WHEREAS, *On August 26th, 1920 the United States Congress ratified the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26th as Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment and to celebrate women's continuing efforts toward equality; 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.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND 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 Santa Barbara and across the country.*

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15th day of August, 2006 by a unanimous vote of all members present.