

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one hundred and seventy-two years ago in 1848, the first Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York, marking the beginning of the bold and courageous Women's Rights Movement to gain women the vote; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919, the United States Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution providing the vote for women and sending it to the states for ratification; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 1919, Governor Frederick Gardner signed the bill that made Missouri the eleventh state to ratify the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago, on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was certified by U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby and became federal law; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of this milestone is an appropriate time to reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of women in every facet of American life and an opportunity to honor women for their leadership in service to their families, their communities, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Rights Movement, as well as every other progressive social change movement, was made stronger by the women of Missouri from every race, class, and ethnic background who served on the front line and ultimately played a unique and critical role in Missouri history; and

WHEREAS, on Women's Equality Day, we commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which secured for women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the passion and unwavering dedication of the women who struggled and persevered in the fight for suffrage, we should also recognize the countless ways that women strengthen the fabric of the nation by acknowledging that we all benefit from the leadership and ingenuity of women in education, medicine, government, law, business, military service, and every other field contributing to the greatness of nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Treece, Mayor of the City of Columbia, Missouri do hereby proclaim August 26, 2020 as

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

in the City of Columbia, Missouri, in recognition and celebration of the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the date on which the women of America won the right to vote, and as an opportunity to work for equal rights for all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed hereto the seal of the City of Columbia, this 17th day of August, 2020.



Brian Treece, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheela Amin, City Clerk

