



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 18, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Proclaiming August 26, 2020 To Be Both Women’s Equality Day And The Centennial Of The
19th Amendment.**

Whereas, the official signing of the 19th Amendment one hundred years ago on August 26, 1920, marked a historic moment in the United States in which women won the right to vote after the 72-year Suffrage Movement that began at Seneca Falls, New York in 1848; and

Whereas, August 26th was established in 1971 as Women’s Equality Day by a joint resolution in Congress; and

Whereas, the centennial of the 19th Amendment and Women’s Equality Day are not only opportunities to recognize and honor the efforts of people who fought for the vote but also those who have continued to fight for suffrage and equal rights; and

Whereas, recognizing and celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment and Women’s Equality Day is also an opportunity to bring attention to the reality that despite the passage of the 19th Amendment one hundred years ago, not all women, especially women of color, trans women, and non-binary individuals, have equal access to vote and have not achieved true equality in representation or rights in our society; and

Whereas, women including women of color, trans women, and non-binary individuals face an array of gender-related disparities in areas including but not limited to access to voting, educational opportunities, employment earnings, economic security, personal safety, and healthcare; and

Whereas, these disparities are well documented to play a major role in the lack of women, women of color, trans women, and non-binary individuals in positions of elected office and corporate leadership; and

Whereas, women, women of color, trans women, and non-binary individuals continue today in unprecedented numbers to demand equal rights and enfranchisement.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County, in recognition of their efforts to achieve equal rights under the law for all women and advocate for equal access to voting rights for all, that August 26, 2020 be proclaimed the official day of celebration of the centennial of the 19th Amendment and Women's Equality Day in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.