

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we commemorate August 26, 2020, as Women's Equality Day when many American women gained the right to vote with the ratification of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Oregon was an early leader in the women's suffrage movement and in the passing of the 19th Amendment, with organized activity beginning several decades earlier in 1870, with the formation of local suffrage associations; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, both chambers of the Oregon Legislature unanimously adopted House Joint Resolution No. 1, introduced by Representative Sylvia Thompson of Hood River, making Oregon the 25th state of ratify the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native Americans who did not gain the vote until 1924, Pacific Islander Americans in 1952, and African-Americans and Latin Americans until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, today women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers, promoting equity for women and girls, access to health care, labor protections and adoption of Title IX, society has benefited from these resolute American suffragists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, Oregon, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2020, as

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

and urge all residents to join the City in this special observance.

DATED this tenth day of August, 2020.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor