



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the bold, courageous and powerful women who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, deserve special celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the fact that today women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers reminds us that we all follow in the footsteps of these resolute American suffragists: and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all women, including Native Americans who did not gain their right to vote until 1924. For Asian Pacific Islander Americans it was 1952. African - American and Latin Americans suffered voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution has played an important role in advancing the rights of all women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West along with the Key West City Commission proclaim August 26, 2021 as

“WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY”

in the “Southernmost City of the Continental United States”.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 17th day of August 2021.

Teri Johnston
Mayor