

WHEREAS, the women of the United States have historically been treated as second-class citizens, both through legally supported systemic injustices and through unlawful activity, and have often been denied the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the women of the United States, with diverse histories and varying degrees of struggles, have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to ALL citizens equally; and

WHEREAS, the diverse women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which culminated a 72-year, non-violent campaign to extend the right to vote to women, as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and

WHEREAS, the diverse women of the United States are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Key West recognizes the commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America won their right to vote, as an opportunity to continue to work for equal rights for ALL citizens, especially the most marginalized and oppressed among us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor and Samuel Kaufman, Commissioner District III of the City of Key West, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2018, as

"Women's Equality Day"

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States".

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 21st day of August 2018.

Samuel J Kaufman, District III Commissioner

Craig Cates, Mayor