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[Declaring Women’s Equality Day]

**Resolution declaring August 26, 2002 Women’s Equality Day in San Francisco.**

WHEREAS, August 26<sup>th</sup> is the date that the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution secured a woman’s right to vote in 1920; and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary to rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of full equality for women and girls in our society so that we maintain hard-fought freedoms and continue to advance women’s rights; and,

WHEREAS, The struggle for women’s rights began in 1848 in the small town of Seneca Falls, New York when Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the first convention to discuss women’s rights which created a “Declaration of Sentiments” outlining how few rights women had in society; and,

WHEREAS, The Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments proclaimed that women were denied property, divorce, child custody, and voting rights; had no access to university education; and had no legal recourse when beaten by their husbands; and,

WHEREAS, Since that dark time, our nation has enacted women’s suffrage passed in 1920, the barring of employment discrimination in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 guaranteeing equal opportunity in education and sports; and,

WHEREAS, Women’s Equality Day gives us the opportunity to reflect on the efforts and sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of women who organized, marched, lectured, lobbied, became candidates for political office, became influential in every

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level of government, argued court cases, and broke new ground in every possible field;  
and,

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day represents the fulfillment of the dream that  
Abigail Adams noted in letters to her husband, John Adams, one of the Founding  
Fathers, when she lamented, "...and what about the ladies, Mr. Adams? Do they not  
deserve the right to participate in government decisions that affect their lives as well?";  
now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
Francisco hereby declares August 26, 2002 to be Women's Equality Day in San  
Francisco; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors affirms its full  
support for the further expansion of women's rights in America and honors the efforts of  
women throughout our history to secure equality of rights under the law.



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Resolution

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August 19, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 4 - Hall, McGoldrick, Newsom, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 19, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

AUG 29 2002

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.