

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 290533

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WHEREAS, on Women's Equality Day we reflect on how far we have traveled on our journey to make America attain the highest ideals of justice and equality articulated so powerfully in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, few constitutional amendments have affected that progress more profoundly than the 19th, ratified in August of 1920, which guarantees American women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, today, as Americans engage in a serious and profoundly important dialogue on the future of our multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural society, we do well to remember that we are all immeasurably enriched when we choose the path of inclusion and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day reminds us that by demanding an equal opportunity for every American, we ensure a brighter future for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, there are still women among us who can remember a time when they were prevented by law from having a role in shaping the destiny of their country and government; and

WHEREAS, in large measure, because of the 19th Amendment and subsequently Title IX, our country has reaped the rewards of women's talents, accomplishments, wisdom, and perspective - as astronauts and professional athletes, as teachers and university presidents, as farmers and firefighters, as caregivers, and mayors - women have made lasting contributions to the quality of our lives and the strength of our democracy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions that generations of American women have added their vision and voices to the national discourse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that August 26, 1998 be and is hereby proclaimed to be **"Women's Equality Day"** in The City of San Diego.

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