



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: By House Joint Resolution 52, the 93rd Congress, designated August 26, 1973, as Women's Equality Day, and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in commemoration of that day in 1920 on which women of America were first guaranteed the right to vote; and

WHEREAS: President Nixon first proclaimed Women's Equality Day in 1973 and it is proclaimed each year by the United States President; and

WHEREAS: On August 26, 2019 our Nation and State will commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which secured for women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS: August 26 represents the culmination of the 72-year, non-violent campaign to extend the right to vote to women in our Nation, and serves today as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and

WHEREAS: The tactics used by the women who supported suffrage became the model for social and political reform movements for the remainder of the 20th century, most notably the Civil Rights movement, and has inspired people throughout our Nation to seek full rights and privileges; and

WHEREAS: The importance of the expansion of suffrage following this day has forever changed the political landscape of our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, August 26, 2019, as:

## WOMEN EQUALITY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE