

**A Proclamation  
By the  
Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council**

**To all whom these letters shall come, Greetings:  
Know ye, that the Louisville Metro Council  
Hereby proclaims August 25, 2016 as Women's Equality Day**

**Whereas, Women in the United States were given the right to vote on August 26, 1920, when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified. The amendment was first introduced many years earlier in 1878; and**

**Whereas, Every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since 1971 when legislation was first introduced in Congress by Bella Abzug; and**

**Whereas, The observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality; and**

**Whereas, We have combated and had successes on many fronts, we know that disparities still exist in many arenas; and**

**Whereas, We must continue to promote full rights and privileges that are given to male citizens of the United States for all women.**

**Now, we therefore hereby proclaim August 25, 2016 Women's Equality Day in the Louisville Jefferson Metro area and urge all citizens to celebrate this day with appropriate programs and activities.**

**Done, at the Louisville/Jefferson Metro Council, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.**

**Mary C. Woolridge, Councilwoman  
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