

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 26, 2023, AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation declares August 26, 2023, to be Women's Equality Day in the City of Hyattsville, celebrating the tireless efforts of suffragists, activists, and trailblazing women who fought bravely for women's voting rights and paved the way for future generations to exercise their freedoms.

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the United States ratified the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the fundamental right to vote, a significant milestone in the pursuit of gender equality; and

WEREAS, it is notable that on July 31, 1913, the City of Hyattsville served as the starting point of an early national women's suffrage rally, which traveled by motorcade to petition the United State Senate for women's rights to vote; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, women have faced discrimination and societal prejudices; yet, they have persevered, shaping our nation's progress and contributing significantly to every aspect of society; and

WHEREAS, we also acknowledge that full enfranchisement for women, especially women of color, was not won until many years after the Nineteenth Amendment was ratified and that barriers to full equality for women persist even today; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the critical importance of gender equality and recognize that it is not just a women's issue but a societal issue that requires collective action and unwavering commitment from all individuals, organizations, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, by fostering an inclusive society where the potential and talents of women are fully recognized and utilized, we strengthen and enrich the lives of every citizen.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council declare August 26, 2023, as Women's Equality Day, a day which reminds us to promote and protect the rights, dignity, and well-being of all women; advocating for equal opportunities, pay equity, access to education, healthcare, and women's representation in leadership roles.

Robert Croslin

Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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