

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND MADDEN, JUNE 6, 2019

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 6, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August 26, 2019, as "Women's Equality Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, In 1971, the Congress of the United States declared
4 August 26 as "Women's Equality Day" at the request of
5 Representative Bella Abzug, Democrat, of New York; and

6 WHEREAS, The observance commemorated the passage and
7 ratification in 1920 of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution
8 of the United States, granting women the right to vote; and

9 WHEREAS, Passed by Congress in 1919, the 19th Amendment
10 resulted from a peaceful women's rights movement which had
11 officially begun in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York; and

12 WHEREAS, The Seneca Falls Convention yielded the Declaration
13 of Sentiments, a key document which Frederick Douglass called
14 the "grand movement for attaining the civil, social, political,

1 and religious rights of women"; and

2 WHEREAS, From the mid-19th century through the early 20th
3 century, women's rights activists, such as Elizabeth Cady
4 Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Alice Paul
5 and Lucy Burns, organized, wrote, spoke and picketed in order to
6 gain voting rights for all women; and

7 WHEREAS, On June 4, 1919, after much congressional debate,
8 the proposed constitutional amendment providing for women's
9 suffrage passed by a vote of 56 to 25; and

10 WHEREAS, On August 18, 1920, Tennessee was the final state to
11 ratify the 19th Amendment; and

12 WHEREAS, The monumental passage of the 19th Amendment marked
13 the first of many victories in the women's rights movement; and

14 WHEREAS, "Women's Equality Day" commemorates the landmark
15 achievement of the passage and ratification of the 19th
16 Amendment, while calling attention to continuing efforts in the
17 attainment of full equality for women; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize August
19 26, 2019, as "Women's Equality Day" in Pennsylvania and
20 encourage all Pennsylvanians to participate in related events in
21 their communities.