



# State of North Carolina

**PAT McCRORY**

GOVERNOR  
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, the United States Congress designated August 26<sup>th</sup> as Women's Equality Day, in recognition of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution which granted all women voting rights; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1848, men and women gathered at the Seneca Falls Convention to begin the process of gaining the right to vote for all women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, for 73 years, women from all walks of life advocated at the state and national levels to amend the Constitution to grant women voting rights; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 1920, the Tennessee General Assembly ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment by one vote and became the necessary 36<sup>th</sup> state to pass the amendment; the Secretary of State ratified the General Assembly's vote on August 26, 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1920, all women were granted voting rights in the United States, encouraging policy makers to address issues important to women and their families, including equal pay and rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to seek opportunities to learn more about the history of Women's Equality Day, and to educate themselves on the contributions women have made to North Carolina and its communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2014, as "**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.



*Pat McCrory*

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Governor