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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AUGUST 26, 2022 AS *WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY* AND CELEBRATING THE RATIFICATION OF THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT ON AUGUST 26, 1920, AND RECOGNIZING WOMEN WHO ARE CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY.

WHEREAS, the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment prohibited the states and federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of gender; and

WHEREAS, August 26th was designated as Women's Equality Day by a resolution introduced by Congresswoman Bella "Battling Bella" Abzug to commemorate the years of sacrifice, hard work, and perseverance women in the United States endured leading to the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, women have continued to organize to exercise their rights and from the National American Woman Suffrage Association came the League of Women Voters that is still impacting election turnout and facilitating voter education; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 1913 Alaska House Bill No. 2 was signed into law extending the voting franchise to such women as had the qualification of citizenship required of male voters; and

WHEREAS, women increasingly have won elections in the United States, and Alaska is one of the 44 states that have had a woman serve as governor and as of 2019, women comprised 33% of our Congressional Delegation and 38% of our State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, even with this success, women in the United States and around the world still face professional obstacles, domestic violence and other barriers to their well-being and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY CELEBRATES *WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY* AND PAYS TRIBUTE TO WOMEN OF THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE WHO CONTINUE TO PROTEST, ADVOCATE, AND LEGISLATE FOR WOMEN'S EQUAL RIGHTS AND EQUAL TREATMENT.

#WomensEqualityDay

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23RD day of August

2022.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk