

Women's Equality Day, 2018

Recognition by The City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission

On August 26th, 1920, the certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave American women the right to vote. The annual celebration of Women's Equality Day commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment and this historic date. Regrettably, it took the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to enfranchise all women by prohibiting racial discrimination in voting. We honor and pay tribute to all of the women suffragists and voting rights advocates, who fought relentlessly to break down barriers to voting.

Unfortunately, our work is not over. American women account for a mere fraction of corporate leadership and elected officials in state and federal offices. Women still only earn 78 cents for every dollar men earn. This gap increases among minority women and those living with disabilities.

The City of Milwaukee Equal Rights Commission remains committed to advancing women's equality and equity in all areas of our society. Together, we have work to do to address the gender and racial disparities, improve access and representation, and put an end to harassment and discrimination.

The ERC hereby recognizes Sunday, August 26, 2018, as Women's Equality Day in Milwaukee and calls upon all Milwaukeeans to celebrate the achievements of women and recommit themselves to the goal of true gender equality in this city, state, and nation and equal rights for ALL.