



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, August 26, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the debate over a woman's right to vote began at the world's first Women's Rights Convention in 1848, Seneca, New York, where renowned social reformer Frederick Douglass supported the cause through his publication *The North Star*; and

WHEREAS, prominent activist women, including Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mary Church Terrell, Adella Hunt Logan and many others were voices of advocacy for all women's voting rights; and

WHEREAS the struggle continued for 72 years, highlighted by the extraordinary efforts of New Jerseyan Alice Paul, who founded the National Woman's Party in 1914; and

WHEREAS, support for the movement grew and, on August 26, 1920, the final state ratification for the amendment was passed and the enfranchisement of women became law and marked women's suffrage in New Jersey and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day symbolizes the continued fight for equality, justice, peace and empowerment for women from all nationalities, ethnicities, cultures, religions, economic and political backgrounds;

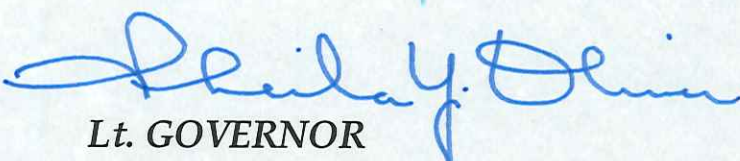
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

AUGUST 26, 2020
AS
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifteenth day of July in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.


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