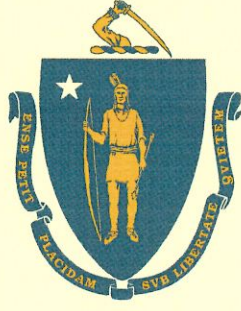


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, From the early 1800's women in the United States have continuously worked to gain full rights and privileges - public and private, legal and institutional - as citizens of the United States; and*

*Whereas, The Women's Rights Convention at Seneca Falls in 1848 declared "We hold these truths to be self-evident: all men and women are created equal" and insisted that "women have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States"; and*

*Whereas, Women and men of all races persisted for nearly a century, struggling against violence and discrimination, to win the right of women to vote; and*

*Whereas, The Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1920, states "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"; and*

*Whereas, Congress, in 1973, designated August 26<sup>th</sup>, the date the Nineteenth Amendment was certified, as Women's Equality Day; and*

*Whereas, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes Women's Equality Day as a celebration of the success of the women's suffrage movement and the ongoing efforts to secure and expand equal rights, equal opportunity, full civic inclusion and human dignity to all residents of the United States,*

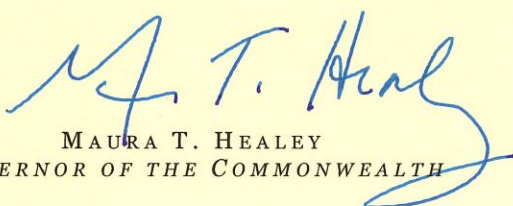
*Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to be,*

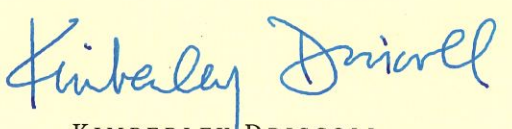
## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY


*And urge all residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of August, in the year two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.*

BY HER EXCELLENCY

  
MAURA T. HEALEY  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*