



# Proclamation

WHEREAS: American women were denied the right to vote for the first 144 years of existence of our nation; and

WHEREAS: full participation by women in the American political process was enhanced 56 years ago on August 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified; and

WHEREAS: the Congress of the United States has proposed, and the Minnesota Legislature has approved, the Equal Rights Amendment as a further step toward equal participation by women in the American society; and

WHEREAS: the President of the United States in 1975 declared August 26 to be a national Women's Equality Day; and

WHEREAS: the significance of the historic women's suffrage movement and the continuing effort to achieve equality for women deserve the recognition and attention of the people of Minnesota in the Bicentennial Year of our American history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim August 26, 1976 to be

## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

in Minnesota and urge the citizens of our state to reflect upon the significance of the past and present efforts of women to achieve equality in our society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-six and of the State the one hundred eighteenth.

*Wendell R. Anderson*

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*Jean Anderson Gleason*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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*Jean Anderson Gleason*  
Secretary of State

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