

# *Proclamation*

## “Women’s Equality Day”

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified, securing women’s right to vote and marking a historic victory in the long struggle for women’s equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Women’s Equality Day serves as a tribute to the generations of women who fought tirelessly, courageously, and relentlessly for the fundamental right to participate in our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters, founded in 1920 just months before the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, has stood at the forefront of the movement to protect and expand voting rights, promote civic engagement, and empower voters for over a century; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the progress made, barriers to equality and equitable representation persist in many areas of society, including pay equity, reproductive justice, representation in leadership roles and full access to the ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor and continue the work of trailblazers like Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Ida B. Wells, Alice Paul, and countless unnamed women – especially women of color – whose voices and leadership have shaped the course of history; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of Women Voters remains committed to advancing inclusive democracy, defending the right to vote, and ensuring that every voice is heard in the democratic process;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we commemorate Women’s Equality Day, August 26, as a day to celebrate the importance of the women’s suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights today.

**FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, I William Karspeck, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 26th, 2025 as "Women’s Equality Day " in the Town of Berthoud.

Signed this 12th day of August 2025.



William Karspeck, Mayor

