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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

No. AR 2005-208

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
COMMEMORATING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY – AUGUST 26, 2005.**

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the Women's Suffrage Movement accomplished its ultimate goal of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, having taken 72 years of ceaseless work against tremendous opposition, guaranteeing women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, the 50th anniversary of winning female suffrage was marked by "Women's Strike Day" on August 26, 1970, and announced a new wave of feminist activism when tens of thousands of women demonstrated in major American cities; and

WHEREAS, at the behest of Congresswoman Bella Abzug of New York, in 1971 the U.S. Congress officially designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day;" and

WHEREAS, the struggle for full equality continues to this day, and women remain united in their commitment to assure that they are accorded the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage will commemorate *Women's Equality Day* with a brown bag lunch at the YWCA of Anchorage on East 5th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsored by the YWCA of Anchorage Social Justice Committee, the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, and the Anchorage Women's Commission; and

WHEREAS, a Federal Women's Program Workshop and Luncheon with keynote speaker DeeDee Jonrowe will be held at the Sheraton Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That this body recognizes August 26, 2005, as *Women's Equality Day* and urges all citizens in this community to celebrate 85 years of women making a difference through voting, and urges participation and support for the continuing efforts towards expansion of true democracy and equality in all spheres of contemporary society.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23rd day of August, 2005.

Anna L. Fairclough
Chair

ATTEST:

Brian S. Gaudin
Municipal Clerk

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