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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR  
BEGICH RECOGNIZING AUGUST 26, 2008 AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY  
CELEBRATING 88 YEARS OF WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH  
VOTING, PARTICIPATION IN OUR DEMOCRACY, AND CONTINUING THE FIGHT  
FOR EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL**

WHEREAS, the Women's Suffrage Movement had it's formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, after 72 years and tremendous opposition, on August 26, 1920, the Women's Suffrage Movement accomplished its goal of ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote; and

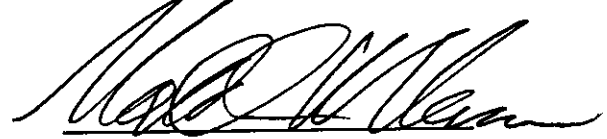
WHEREAS, in 1971, Congresswoman Bella Abzug of New York, was successful in persuading the U.S. Congress to designate August 26, as "Women's Equality Day;" and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission, the Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity, the Municipal Clerk's Office, the Anchorage Women's Commission, the YWCA, the League of Women Voters, together with many other organizations, will commemorate "Women's Equality Day" on Monday, August 25, 2008, at the Anchorage Museum at 6:00 p.m. with the presentation of the docudrama "Iron Jawed Angels," which recounts the history of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment;

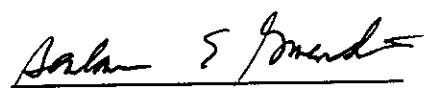
NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That this body recognizes August 26, 2008, as *Women's Equality Day* within the Municipality of Anchorage and urges all citizens to celebrate 88 years of women making a difference through voting, participation in our democracy, and continuing the fight for equal rights for all.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk