



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, August 26, 2014 marks the 94th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote and the re-enfranchisement of women in New Jersey after an absence of 114 years; and

WHEREAS, August 26, 2014 also marks the anniversary of former Governor Brendan T. Byrne signing legislation to establish the New Jersey Division of Women, advocating for the rights and opportunities of all women in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the beginning of the debate over a woman's right to vote began at the world's first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca, New York in 1848, continued for 72 years, highlighted by the extraordinary efforts of New Jerseyan Alice Paul; and

WHEREAS, support for the movement grew and, on August 26, 1920, the final state ratification for the amendment was passed and the enfranchisement of women became law and marks the re-enfranchisement of women in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day symbolizes the continued fight for equality, justice, peace and development for women from all nationalities, ethnicities, cultures, religions, economic and political backgrounds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

AUGUST 26, 2014

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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

in New Jersey in recognition of this commemoration and call upon all residents to join in honoring all those who sacrificed so much for the cause of freedom.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this eleventh day of August in the year two thousand fourteen, the two hundred thirty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR