

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** *women in the United States have continuously worked to gain full rights and privileges – public or private, legal or institutional – as citizens of the United States; and*

**WHEREAS,** *women in every state and every cultural and religious group worked to secure women's right to vote; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Congress has designated August 26, the date the Nineteenth Amendment was certified, as Women's Equality Day; and*

**WHEREAS,** *recognizing Women's Equality Day as a day of celebration throughout the country emphasizes the importance of women's work for democracy.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois do hereby proclaim August 26, 2021, as Women's Equality Day in the City of Belleville and urge all citizens to celebrate the importance of the women's suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights today.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.**

*Patty Gregory*  
Patty Gregory, Mayor  
Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021

*Proclaim in the Past – Prepare for the Future*

