



## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, in 1971 Congresswoman Bella Abzug introduced the first Congressional resolution officially designating August 26 as Women's Equality Day; and*

*WHEREAS, women are celebrating the 79th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution which secured the right to vote for all American women; and*

*WHEREAS, from the Declaration of Independence in 1776 to the Declaration of Sentiments at Seneca Falls, New York in 1848, it took 72 years from the Seneca Falls Convention to the ratification of the Suffrage Amendment; and*

*WHEREAS, 79 years after the ratification of the 19th Amendment, women still represent only 9 of 100 members in the Senate and only 56 of 435 members in the House; and*

*WHEREAS, the Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women, an international treaty drafted and signed in 1980, has since been ratified by 160 nations, but has yet to be ratified by the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, women look to the courage and determination of our foremothers in the suffrage movement to find inspiration to overcome the barriers which remain.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Martinez, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim August 26, 1999 as*

### WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

*in the City of Fort Collins in recognition of the anniversary and as a reminder of women's continuing efforts for equality.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of August, A.D. 1999.*

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk