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## **Celebrating Women's Equality Day**

**Mesquite, NV** – Are you a woman? Do you or have you loved a woman? Were you birthed by one? Chances are, you said “yes” to at least one of these questions, please join us in celebrating Mesquite NV’s Proclamation that August 26, 2021, is Women’s Equality Day in Mesquite, NV.

We “honor the contributions and accomplishments of women throughout our history and pay tribute to all those who helped bring equality to women in the United States.”



Mayor Litman presented the Women's Equality Day Proclamation to Rosealee Lee and Jean Watkins of the Women's History and Culture Center.

Mayor Allan Litman presented the Proclamation on this, the 101<sup>st</sup> year of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.



## PROCLAMATION

### *Women's Equality Day - August 26, 2021*

**WHEREAS**, each year a special Presidential Proclamation is issued on August 26 to celebrate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing to American women the right to vote, and;

**WHEREAS**, this year is the 101st Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, having the right to vote is one of our most fundamental constitutional rights, but it is not the same as having equal representation in government. Passage of the 19th Amendment did not guarantee that women's voices would be heard in the halls of government; and

**WHEREAS**, it has taken almost another 100 years after women suffrage for women to become active participants in our government institutions, and;

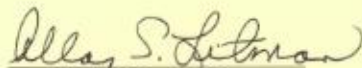
**WHEREAS**, today four-fifths of the states in our nation have a larger population of women voters than of men, but their representation is nowhere near that ratio in many of their respective state legislatures; and

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of Nevada can be proud that they took a history-making leadership role in the struggle for equal rights, by voting at the polls to make Nevada the first state in the union with a female majority state legislature. Every vote counts, and;

**WHEREAS**, women's issues are everyone's issues. Greater participation by women in our government helps us build an America where the dignity of every person is respected, and where opportunity is within the reach of all its citizens, and;

**WHEREAS**, on Women's Equality Day, we honor the contributions and accomplishments of women throughout our history, and pay tribute to all those who helped bring equality to women in the United States, and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, and the Mesquite City Council, proclaim August 26, 2021 as Women's Equality Day in Mesquite Nevada.

  
Allan S. Litman, Mayor



*The Women's History and Culture Center shares information on women's achievements and multicultural issues to improve the quality of life of women and men in the Greater Mesquite area. Find out more by visiting [whccmesquitenv.org](http://whccmesquitenv.org).*