



State of Wisconsin
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2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 54

November 4, 2003 – Introduced by Representative MORRIS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** urging that protections of women’s equality be maintained and
2 encouraging all Americans to participate in the celebration of Women’s
3 Equality Day on August 26, 2003, the 83rd anniversary of the passage of the
4 Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right
5 to vote.

6 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That:***

7 Whereas, August 26, 2003, marks the 83rd anniversary of the passage of the
8 Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and is Women’s Equality Day, a day
9 deserving of celebration and special public commendation; and

10 Whereas, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott organized the first
11 Women’s Rights Convention in 1848 where 100 women and men from all walks of life
12 declared that “all men and women are created equal” and called for universal
13 women’s suffrage; and

1 Whereas, on August 26, 1920, after a 72-year struggle, the Nineteenth
2 Amendment was added to the U.S. Constitution, securing a woman’s right to vote;
3 and

4 Whereas, in 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as Women’s
5 Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S.
6 Constitution; and

7 Whereas, since 1920, women have made tremendous gains in society, including
8 the right to vote, the right to be free from discrimination in employment, and the
9 right to have guaranteed equal access to education, including sports; and

10 Whereas, on August 26, 2003, Women’s Equality Day and the anniversary of
11 the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, the women and men who have worked
12 tirelessly to secure equality for women are to be commended for what they have
13 achieved thus far and supported in their continued efforts to champion the rights of
14 women; now, therefore, be it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the legislature of
16 the state of Wisconsin encourages all Americans to:

17 (1) Request all of our elected officials to stand firm in their resolve to uphold
18 current protections of equality for women;

19 (2) Encourage all Americans to participate in the national celebration of
20 Women’s Equality Day in recognition of the 83rd anniversary of the Nineteenth
21 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and its historic importance in promoting
22 women’s rights; and, be it further

23 ***Resolved, That*** the members of the Wisconsin legislature designate August 26
24 of each year as Women’s Equality Day, and the governor is requested to issue a

1 proclamation annually in commemoration of that day in 1920 on which the women
2 of America were first given the right to vote.

3 (END)