

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 48

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This resolution was received by the Secretary of
State this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock __M.

Deputy Secretary of State



RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 48—Relative to Women’s Equality Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 48, Liu. Women’s Equality Day.

This measure would memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to uphold protections of women’s equality and to encourage all Americans to participate in the celebration of Women’s Equality Day on August 26, 2003, the 83rd anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gave women the right to vote.

WHEREAS, August 26, 2003, marks the 83rd anniversary of passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and is Women’s Equality Day, a day deserving of celebration and special public commendation; and

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

WHEREAS, On August 26, 1920, after a 72-year struggle, the Nineteenth Amendment was added to the United States Constitution, securing a woman’s right to vote; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, the United States Congress designated August 26 as Women’s Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and as a reminder of women’s continuing efforts to achieve full equality; and

WHEREAS, Since 1920, women have made tremendous gains in society, including the right to vote, the right to be free from discrimination in employment, and the right to have guaranteed equal access to education including sports; and

WHEREAS, Despite these gains, women still need to make great strides in order to be full participants in 21st century society; and



WHEREAS, Women still earn only 73 cents to every dollar earned by a man, women disproportionately live in poverty, women are more likely to be victims of domestic violence than men, and for every dollar spent on women's athletics programs, three dollars are spent on men's athletics programs; and

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

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California memorializes the United States Congress and the President of the United States to do all of the following:

(1) Stand firm in their resolve to uphold current protections of equality for women.

(2) Continue to pioneer new protections of equality for women until women achieve parity with men.

(3) Encourage all Americans to participate in the national celebration of Women's Equality Day in recognition of the 83rd anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and its historic importance in promoting women's rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States and to all Members of the United States Congress.



Attest:

Secretary of State

