

House Resolution

No. 56

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

August 25, 2014

House Resolution No. 56—Relative to Women’s Equality Day.

1 WHEREAS, The first women’s rights convention on July 19,
2 1848, was called by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott to
3 win equal rights for and expand the role of women in society; and

4 WHEREAS, On that date, the fight for women’s rights came
5 together as an organized effort; and

6 WHEREAS, The addition of the Nineteenth Amendment to the
7 United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, secured for women
8 the right to vote; and

9 WHEREAS, The passage of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964
10 barred employment discrimination against women; and

11 WHEREAS, The enactment of Title IX of the federal Education
12 Amendments of 1972 guaranteed equal opportunity in education
13 and sports; and

14 WHEREAS, Many women have planned, organized, lectured,
15 written, marched, lobbied, canvassed voters, staged parades,
16 become candidates for political office, argued court cases, and
17 more, in order to irrevocably change for the better the world of
18 today’s women; and

19 WHEREAS, Today’s women are living the legacy of equal
20 rights achieved against all odds; and

21 WHEREAS, The women of the United States have designated
22 August 26 as a symbol of the continued fight for equal rights; and

23 WHEREAS, The United States Congress recognizes that August
24 26 of each year is designated as Women’s Equality Day and the

1 President of the United States annually issues a proclamation
2 commemorating August 26, 1920, as the day when the women of
3 the United States were first given the right to vote and that same
4 date in 1970 when a nationwide demonstration for women’s rights
5 took place; and

6 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Sacramento
7 County join women throughout the United States in celebrating
8 the continuing crusade for equality for women in all areas of public
9 and private life; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That, upon*
11 *the anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States*
12 *Constitution, the Assembly recognizes August 26, 2014, as*
13 *Women’s Equality Day and its historic importance to women’s*
14 *rights; and be it further*

15 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*
16 *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*