

Mecklenburg County

North Carolina

Proclamation

WHEREAS, August 26, 2025, marks the 105th anniversary of women in the United States securing the right to vote through the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, this milestone, while historic, did not guarantee access to the ballot for all women, particularly African American, Indigenous, Asian American, and Latina women, many of whom remained disenfranchised until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the long struggle for suffrage and equality began with the Women's Rights Convention in 1848 and was advanced by generations of women who took bold steps in organizing, educating, and mobilizing for justice, often in the face of resistance, violence, and oppression; and

WHEREAS, these brave pioneers redefined history through their courage, resilience, and vision for a more inclusive democracy. Their work laid the foundation for future generations to not only participate in civic life, but to lead, inspire, and transform their communities; and

WHEREAS, women today continue that legacy—fighting for equity in the workplace, healthcare, education, and political representation, while also lifting up the voices of those historically left out of the narrative; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Women's Advisory Board has designated the 2025 Women's Equality Day theme as: "Redefining Her Story: Bold Steps, Bright Futures", a call to honor the past by uplifting the women who are shaping our future through bold leadership, courageous advocacy, and empowered action; and

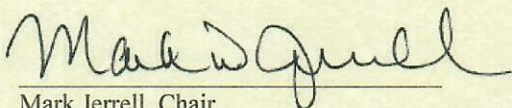
WHEREAS, this year's Women's Equality Day Celebration will take place on Saturday, August 16, 2025, and will feature inclusive programming to recognize progress, acknowledge ongoing challenges, and inspire community engagement in pursuit of gender equity:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2025, as:

"WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY"

in Mecklenburg County and encourage all residents to join in commemorating this day by reaffirming their commitment to a more equitable and inclusive society for women and girls of every background.

This the 6th day of August 2025



Mark Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

