



City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County



JOINT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, August 26, 2026, marks the 106th anniversary of the certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and is observed annually as Women's Equality Day; and

WHEREAS, this milestone, while historic, did not guarantee equal access to the ballot for all women, particularly Black women, indigenous women, and women of color, many of whom continued to face discriminatory barriers until the passage and enforcement 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 held in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848 and was advanced by generations of women who took bold steps in organizing, educating, and mobilizing for justice; and

WHEREAS, Women's Equality Day reminds us that protecting and strengthening civic participation remains essential to a vibrant, representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the women of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County continue to strengthen our community through their presence, perspective, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Women's Advisory Board has designated the 2026 Women's Equality Day theme as "EmpowerHer: Resiliency and Self-Sufficiency" with a celebratory event open to the public at Eastway Regional Recreation Center on Saturday, August 29th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Rob Harrington, Mayor of Charlotte, and Mark D. Jerrell, Chair of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim, August 26, 2026 as

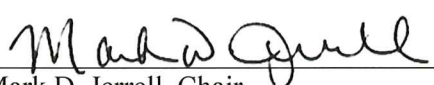
"WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY"

in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements and contributions of women, supporting opportunities that foster resiliency and self-sufficiency, and reaffirming their commitment to a more equitable, inclusive, and representative society for women and girls of all backgrounds.

WITNESS OUR HANDS and the official Seals of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.



Rob Harrington
Mayor



Mark D. Jerrell, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners