

# Executive Proclamation

Rapid City, South Dakota  
Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution extended and secured the right to vote for women, signifying a major victory for women's rights and the gender equality movement; and

**WHEREAS**, The advocates for suffrage have inspired and empowered generations of women to have a voice in all facets of life and to serve as leaders in equality advancement; and

**WHEREAS**, The 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Women's Equality Day, is a time to reflect on the accomplishments that women in history fought diligently to secure for future generations, while we continue to work together in an effort to abolish present day social inequalities; and

**WHEREAS**, It is our duty to empower women of all ages in their efforts to decimate social barriers and shatter glass ceilings like the trailblazers before them, so generations to come may work and live in a more socially balanced society; and

**WHEREAS**, While we reflect on the progress we have made over the last 100 years, Rapid City's leadership will remain committed to advancing women's equality to ensure girls, young women, and adult women alike are inspired to advocate for a more equal future.

**NOW**, therefore, I, Steve Allender, Mayor of Rapid City, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2020 as

## Women's Equality Day

In Rapid City, in honor of all of the dedicated and courageous women who have advocated for gender equality, and urge all citizens to recognize the full value of promoting and embracing the principles of CEDAW (the Convention of Ending all Forms of Discrimination Against Women).

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Rapid City this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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Steve Allender, Mayor  
City of Rapid City, South Dakota