

KENT COUNTY & THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS RECOGNIZE WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

*"It took 140 years to get the vote.
But, don't forget that the struggle
for full equality continues."*

*"Educate yourself on the issues and candidates and
exercise your right to vote in EVERY election. Don't
let the struggle for a woman's right to vote be in vain."*



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Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States of America; At the First Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington on the nineteenth day of May,
one hundred and nine hundred and one.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to give
the right of suffrage to women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled (Two-thirds of both Houses having concurred therein),
That the following article be inserted in the Constitution,
which shall be valid and operative as to all States when
ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the States then existing:

ARTICLE

"The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or
abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Women's Equality Day

August 26 of each year is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day. Instituted by Representative Bella Abzug and first established in 1971, the date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920.

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