

COUNTY OF HAWAII

Proclamation

WHEREAS the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as **Women's Equality Day** in 1973, commemorating the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS women in every state and every cultural and religious group--including Hawaiian suffragists Wilhelmina Kekelaokalaninui Widemann Dowsett, Emma Kaili Metcalf Beckley Nakuina, and others--worked to secure women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS today, Women's Equality Day celebrates the achievements of women's rights activists and reminds us of the unique daily struggles that women face and the hurdles overcome by the heroic women who faced violence and discrimination to propel the women's movement forward; and

WHEREAS despite many advances, women are not done fighting for equal rights, women in the U.S. and around the world still face professional obstacles, domestic violence, and other barriers to their well-being and success. The wage gap between men and women still impacts women's economic power, and gender-based discrimination still plagues workplaces and business transactions; and

WHEREAS Women's Equality Day is all about uplifting and empowering women, and marveling at how far women have progressed, defying all odds and oppression. The Hawai'i Loa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is committed to promoting and publicizing the importance of women's full participation in civic life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MITCHELL D. ROTH, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2022, as

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

in the County of Hawai'i and urge all citizens to brush up on women's history and learn about the complicated and fascinating history of women's rights, show gratitude and do something meaningful for the important women in your life, do your part to secure and expand equal rights, and honor the sacrifices of the women's suffrage movement by registering to vote.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 26th day of August 2022, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Roth".

MITCHELL D. ROTH
Mayor