

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY—AUGUST 26

“Celebrating Women’s Right to Vote”

AUGUST 26 of each year is designated in the United States as **Women’s Equality Day**. It was instituted by Rep. 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**.



Alice Paul

“I never doubted that equal rights was the right direction. Most reforms, most problems are complicated. But to me there is nothing complicated about ordinary equality.”

Alice Paul (1885-1977)

- Helped found the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, which later became known as the National Woman's Party.
- Worked for the passage of an equal rights amendment after the 19th amendment passed.
- Successfully lobbied for wording on gender equality to be included in the preamble to the United Nations Charter and in the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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