

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Adiel McKnight, Deputy Clerk of the Board

DATE: March 3, 2025

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Declaring Saturday, March 8, 2025 as Women's Day

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The Board will consider approval of the proclamation declaring March 8, 2025 as Women's Day. The Board commits to continuing to recognize that women are integral to our community as leaders, artists, mothers, caregivers, elders, employees, volunteers, activists and in countless other roles that make significant contributions to the fabric, stability and well-being of our community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Proclamation re: Declaring Saturday, March 8, 2025 as Women's Day.

REVIEWED BY:



Mark McCauley, County Administrator

2/28/25
Date

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, after decades of hard-fought advocacy, women won the right to vote, and our Nation moved one step closer to living out our sacred ideal that all people are created equal. On Women's Equality Day, we honor the movement for universal suffrage that led to the 19th Amendment, celebrate the progress of women over the years, and renew our commitment to advancing gender equity and protecting women's rights; and,

WHEREAS, with the ratification of the 19th Amendment, millions of women across the country were finally able to make their voices heard in our elections. Yet many women of color who helped lead the universal suffrage movement were effectively denied those rights until the Voting Rights Act passed 47 years later. Today, the struggle to ensure that every American can cast their ballot continues. Women are less likely to have time to vote in-person with increased caregiving demands and a disproportionate share of low-wage, inflexible work. The right to vote and to have that vote counted is essential to the future of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, all Americans should have the opportunity to fully participate in society — no one's rights should be denied because of their gender. As the US Supreme Court, the Federal Government and States across the country strip women of their ability to make decisions about their own bodies, families, and futures, we remain dedicated to protecting access to critical reproductive health care, regardless of gender, race, zip code, or income. We will continue to defend the right of all people to live free from gender-based violence; and,

WHEREAS, as we continue our work to advance gender equity and equality, let us celebrate the contributions of women throughout our history and honor the stories that have too often gone untold. Let us recognize that fundamental freedoms are interconnected, when opportunities for women are withheld, we all suffer, and when women's lives are improved, we all gain. Let us strive to create a Nation where every woman and girl knows that her possibilities know no bounds in America; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County strives for inclusiveness and non-discrimination. On Women's Equality Day, we celebrate the trailblazers who fought to deliver a better future for America's daughters. We recognize the work that remains to ensure that everyone can fully participate in our democracy and make fundamental choices about their health and bodies. We strive to uphold our Nation's promise of equality for all people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims March 8, 2025 as:

Women's Day

In Jefferson County, and encourage all visitors and residents of the Olympic Peninsula to join in celebrating the spirit of and dedication to the women in our community.

APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2025.

SEAL:

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ATTEST:

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Greg Brotherton, Member