

WHEREAS, the National Organization for Women (NOW), celebrating its 51st year, has been taking actions on issues that are principled, uncompromising, and often ahead of its time to bring about equality for all women, secure full rights, and grant opportunities which should be available to all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote was finally passed in 1920; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida did not formally ratify the 19th Amendment until the 13th day of May, 1969, but passed a law in 1921 granting all residents suffrage; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida has yet to pass the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which reads: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex”; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, to recognize nationally and annually the ongoing fight for women’s rights, Women Equality Day was designated as August 26, at the behest of Congresswoman Bella Abzug, to commemorate the day in 1970 that a nationwide demonstration for women’s rights took place; and

WHEREAS, this year, the members of the Palm Beach County chapter of NOW (NOWPBC) will be celebrating Women’s Equality Day on the 26th day of August; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County National Organization for Women is commended for its achievements on behalf of all people, i.e., women, children, men, families, LBGTQIA+, and the disadvantaged, in the social, political, and economic intersections of our society.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CARY D. GLICKSTEIN, Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2017 as:

Women’s Equality Day

in Delray Beach, Florida and commend the achievements of NOWPBC on behalf of all people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of August, 2017.

CARY D. GLICKSTEIN
MAYOR