

# Proclamation



## WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

AUGUST 26, 2012

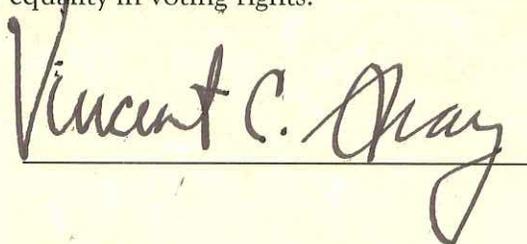
WHEREAS, women in the District of Columbia have maintained a legacy of active participation in elections and politics whereby three-fourths of eligible women are registered to vote and over two-thirds cast official ballots in the 2008 Presidential election; and

WHEREAS, women earned the right to vote through the efforts of brave and determined women that petitioned, protested and testified before Congress to demand equality in voting rights; and

WHEREAS, these efforts began in 1848 with the Seneca Falls Convention and culminated on August 26, 1920, with enactment of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which was drafted by two women, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and finally gave women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate this achievement, we encourage women to continue to vote and hold elected offices so issues that affect the interests of women, children and families are acknowledged:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2012 as "WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY" in Washington, DC and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in honoring the achievements of all of women who have fought for equality in voting rights.

  
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Vincent C. Gray

