

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 116

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywomen WEINBERG, TURNER, Gill, Friscia, Quigley,
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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION designating August 26, 1996 as Women's
2 Equality Day, celebrating the anniversary of women's suffrage and
3 supporting the Contract with Women of the USA.
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5 WHEREAS, On August 26th, 1920, Tennessee became the necessary 36th
6 state to ratify the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution
7 granting women the right to vote; and

8 WHEREAS, New Jersey needs to remember and celebrate the importance of
9 this date in the struggle for equal rights and women's suffrage; and

10 WHEREAS, The Contract with Women of the USA is a national plan for action
11 for state legislators to develop the policies and programs which will
12 promote equality for women and girls and enable them to achieve their full
13 potential; and

14 WHEREAS, The Contract embodies the 12 principles and commitments of the
15 International Platform for Action approved by 188 nations, in addition to
16 the United States, at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on
17 Women held in Beijing in September, 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, The principles include: empowerment of women; sharing family
19 responsibilities; ending the burden of poverty; high quality, affordable health
20 care; sexual and reproductive rights; workplace rights; educational equity;
21 ending violence against women; protecting a healthy environment; women
22 as peace makers; honoring international commitments and ratifying the
23 Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women; and developing
24 a long-term national plan to implement the Contract; and

25 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that ratification of the 19th amendment to the
26 United States Constitution be remembered, honored and celebrated and
27 that the Contract with Women of the USA be supported; now, therefore,
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29 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:
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31 1. That this House designates August 26, 1996 as Women's Equality Day
32 in recognition of the fact that on that date Tennessee became the necessary
33 36th state to ratify the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution
34 granting women the right to vote.

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2 2. The Contract with Women of the USA is supported by this House in
3 the effort to develop policies and programs that enable women and girls to
4 achieve their full potential and gain equality.

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6 3. The Governor is respectfully requested to endorse the goals of the
7 Contract with Women of the USA as a pledge to New Jersey women.

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9 4. The Governor is respectfully requested to issue a proclamation calling
10 upon the public officials and the citizens of New Jersey to observe the day
11 with appropriate activities and programs.

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STATEMENT

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16 This Assembly resolution designates August 26, 1996 as Women's Equality
17 Day in recognition of the fact that on that date Tennessee became the
18 necessary 36th state to ratify the 19th amendment to the United States
19 Constitution granting women the right to vote. The resolution also supports the
20 Contract with Women of the USA in the effort to develop policies and
21 programs that enable women and girls to achieve their full potential and gain
22 equality.

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28 anniversary of women's suffrage and supports the Contract with Women of the
29 USA.