

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 61

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JULY 25, 1996

By Senator LIPMAN

1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** designating August 26, 1996 as "Women's Equality
2 Day" in recognition of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the United
3 States Constitution and commending the Alice Paul Centennial Foundation,
4 Inc.
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6 **WHEREAS**, On August 26, 1920, Tennessee became the necessary 36th state
7 to ratify the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution granting
8 women the right to vote; and
9 **WHEREAS**, It is crucial that the importance of this date in the struggle for equal
10 rights and women's suffrage be remembered and celebrated in New Jersey;
11 and
12 **WHEREAS**, It is also crucial that the leaders of the women's suffrage
13 movement, especially Alice Paul, be remembered for their fight for justice
14 and equality; and
15 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul, the architect of some of the most outstanding political
16 achievements for women in the early 20th century, was born to Quaker
17 parents and spent her childhood in Mount Laurel, New Jersey; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul founded the National Women's Party to obtain
19 women's suffrage and wrote the Equal Rights Amendment and the equal
20 rights statement that appeared in the United Nations Charter; and
21 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul and the members of the National Women's Party
22 revitalized the suffrage movement with marches, White House pickets and
23 rallies; and
24 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul wrote and campaigned for the non-discrimination clause
25 of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that extended civil rights protection to women;
26 and
27 **WHEREAS**, Alice Paul's home, "Paulsdale," was named a National Historic
28 Landmark, the only such landmark dedicated to a woman in New Jersey;
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30 **WHEREAS**, It is fitting and proper that ratification of the 19th amendment to the
31 United States Constitution be remembered, honored and celebrated and
32 that the Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc. be commended for its
33 activities; now, therefore,
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35 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

2. This House commends the Alice Paul Centennial Foundation, Inc. for the dedication of its members in creating a national leadership training center for women and keeping the dreams of Alice Paul alive.

Designates August 26, 1996 as "Women's Equality Day;" commends Alice Paul Centennial Foundation.