

RESOLUTION NO. 120750

Recognizing August 25, 2012, as Women's Equality Day.

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution on August 26, 1920, giving women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980's local county and city government followed a national movement instituting Commissions on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, elected officials in Johnson, Leavenworth, and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas and Cass, Jackson, Clay, Platte and Ray Counties in Missouri and Mayors in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas appointed women to represent their jurisdiction on the bi-state Metropolitan Regional Commission on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, the members have set out to examine the status of women in the home and in the workplace in the metropolitan bi-state area; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have been made by women in the areas of the right to vote, education, access to Family and Medical Leave, protection from discrimination in the workplace, credit, sports, and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, today while we recognize the many gains women have made, we note that women still have not achieved pay equity, access to affordable child care, the right to make reproductive choices, the access to obstacle free voting, and equal representation in elective and appointive office; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of marching forward women join together with our elected official in all our jurisdictions in recognizing the many gains that have been achieved and commit to working together to maintain the gains that have been made and reduce all the remaining barriers; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize August 25, 2012, as Women's Equality Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Alice Kitchen, Christine Minkler, Berta Sailer, Barbara Womack and Rose Bell with the congratulations of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the successes achieved in women's equality to date and committing to working together in the future to continue the path forward to achieve total equality.

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