

# ***CITY OF SEQUIM PROCLAMATION***

## ***90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of League of Women Voters***

***WHEREAS***, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others first seriously proposed women's right to vote at Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19, 1848; and

***WHEREAS***, Susan B. Anthony joined forces with Stanton in 1851, and they worked together over the next half century for women's right to vote; and

***WHEREAS***, Carrie Chapman Catt, founder and early leader of the League of Women Voters, entered the struggle later and became a leader in the suffragist movement that helped lead it to victory ; and

***WHEREAS***, these three women and so many more endured hardships of public humiliation, terms in jail, ridicule – and they did it so that the women of yesterday, today and tomorrow can exercise their right to vote; and

***WHEREAS***, on August 26, 1920, just days after Tennessee became the thirty-sixth (and last-needed) state to ratify the amendment, the United States Secretary of State signed the proclamation enacting the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, as the Mayor of the City of Sequim, Washington, I hereby proclaim August 26, 2010, as

### **Women's Equality Day**

to celebrate passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women full voting rights.

*WITNESS my hand and the seal of the City of Sequim this 9th day of August, 2010.*

  
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Ken Hays, Mayor  
City of Sequim

