

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7014 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION to celebrate and commemorate Women's Equality Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, in 1973, the United States Congress approved House Joint Resolution 52 to designate August 26th as "Women's Equality Day" and commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the culmination of that massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women happened in Tennessee on August 18, 1920, when the Tennessee General Assembly ratified the 19th Amendment, gaining the nickname "the Perfect 36"; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Women's Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but it also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality; and

WHEREAS, the women of the 111th General Assembly have united to celebrate Women's Equality Day on August 23, 2019, to recognize the importance of the certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the women of the 111th General Assembly recognize and celebrate Tennessee's role in securing the right to vote for all women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the women of the 111th General Assembly salute the brave women and men who worked for more than seventy-two years to enfranchise women, with little financial, legal, or political power of their own, working state by state for their rights as citizens; and

WHEREAS, the women of the 111th General Assembly emphasize the importance of suffrage history and the history of Tennessee's role as the thirty-sixth and final state needed for certification of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the women of the 111th General Assembly commend the people of Tennessee for celebrations planned to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Suffrage in 2020; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the women of the 111th General Assembly in the celebration of August 23, 2019, as Women's Equality Day in Tennessee in commemoration of the anniversary on which the women of America gained the right to vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.