

Proclamation for Women's Right to Vote and Equality Day

August 26, 2026

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave most women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1893 Colorado had already secured the right to vote for women; and

WHEREAS, on this 106th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 133rd anniversary of the right of women to vote in Colorado, we celebrate the progress that has been made towards guaranteeing the right to participate in our democracy regardless of gender; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 nationally 70 percent of women were registered to vote compared to 68 percent of men, and 81.5 million women voted during the 2024 presidential election compared to 72.5 million men; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is ranked 3rd in the nation for percentage of legislators that are women, averaging 43.4% percent since 2014; and

WHEREAS, 26 statewide officers elected in Colorado have been women, and until 1950 all served as Superintendent of Public Instruction; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has never elected a woman Governor, and

WHEREAS, only 5 County Commissioners have been women in Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the work that still needs to be done to overcome the gender inequality that affects women's representation in elected office and leadership across both public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the U. S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics reports that Colorado women earned 80.7 cents for every dollar a man earned in 2025 which represents a decline from 2023; and

WHEREAS, Larimer County women continue to face disproportionate challenges to economic prospects, affordable and accessible health care, and safety; and

WHEREAS, Larimer County women still struggle to achieve economic security for themselves and their families due to lack of affordable and accessible childcare and unequal pay; and

WHEREAS, today we recognize the accomplishments that so many women fought so hard to achieve, and rededicate ourselves to tackling the challenges that remain and expanding opportunity and representation for women and girls in Larimer County and Colorado; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of County Commissioners for Larimer County, do hereby proclaim the 26th of August as "Women's Equality Day" encouraging equity, access, and opportunity of women's work for democracy.

Dated this 18th day of August 2026.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
LARIMER COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

Bob Shadduck-McFally
CHAIR

ATTEST:

Dianne Cheney
Deputy Clerk

