

Mr. O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-10-166
2010 Women's Equality Day Resolution

Whereas, August 26, 2010 marks the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women's right to vote; and

Whereas, the beginning of the debate over a woman's right to vote began at the world's first Woman's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848; and

Whereas, the campaign continued for seventy-two years highlighted by the extraordinary efforts of New Jerseyan Alice Paul; and

Whereas, support for the movement grew and on August 26, 1920, the final state ratification for the amendment was passed and the enfranchisement of women became law; and

Whereas, this date also marked the re-enfranchisement of women in New Jersey after an absence of 113 years; and

Whereas, this year's 90th anniversary of the greatest single expansion of citizenship rights in the United States presents a remarkable opportunity both to honor the unrelenting tenacity and spirit of the multitude of women and men who worked to secure women's right to vote and also to illustrate how much can be achieved in a democratic society by the collective efforts of citizens committed to political reform; and

Whereas, it was the hope of our Foremothers who fought and died for Women's Suffrage that future generations of women would use that hard-won vote to make this a better world and to fight for full equality and justice for women; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that August 26, 2010, the 90th anniversary of the constitutional affirmation of women's right to vote in the United States, be celebrated by governing agencies at the local, state, and national level, as well as by educational institutions, workplaces, civic organizations, places of worship, and communities throughout the nation, with programs, events, proclamations, performances, parades, conferences, and other special ceremonies worthy of this uniquely important and historic occasion.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE: August 18, 2010

CAROLYN CUMMINS, BOROUGH CLERK

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on August 18, 2010.

BOROUGH CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK