



# State of North Carolina

**PAT McCRORY**

**GOVERNOR**

**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

**2016**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, the United States Congress designated August 26th as Women's Equality Day, in recognition of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which granted all women voting rights; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the North Carolina Council for Women Board are appointed by the Governor to address issues such as the health and well-being, education, and employment of women in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Women and Girl's Initiative is to embolden and equip women and girls with courage, confidence, and competence to achieve leadership roles in our community by collaborating, networking, and creating supportive environments; and

**WHEREAS**, women in North Carolina have made significant social and economic advances in recent decades; approximately 30.5 percent of those working in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields in North Carolina are women, compared to 28.8 percent nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina State Government has many internship and mentorship programs to introduce students to public administration, women and girl's issues, and policy practice; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to seek opportunities to learn more about the history of Women's Equality Day, and to educate themselves on the contributions women have made to North Carolina and its communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2016, as "**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.



*Pat McCrory*  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor