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Commissioners Recognize Women's Equality Day

Leonardtown, MD - On August 26, 1920, women of the United States of America were granted the right to vote through the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. The United States Congress designated Women's Equality Day on August 26, 1971 to commemorate the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote. Passage of the amendment marked the end of a long civil rights movement which first began in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848.

The day also serves as a symbol of the continued struggle for equal rights for all. The Commissioners of St. Mary's County marked Women's Equality Day during a proclamation ceremony prior to their August 22 meeting.

"The women of St. Mary's County are to be commended for their efforts to promote local organizations and activities in the political arena," said Commissioner Mike Hewitt (2nd District). "They are encouraged to continue to exercise their hard-won right to participate fully in the political process."

Members of the St. Mary's County Commission for Women joined the commissioners for the ceremony.

In recognizing Women's Equality Day, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County honored the 97th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. They also call upon the citizens of St. Mary's County to acknowledge the milestone and to continue to strive for global equal rights.

Media outlets are free to use photos from the ceremony – which can be downloaded from the county's photo page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stmaryscountygovernment/sets/>. Outlets publishing photos from the photo page are asked to courtesy the "St. Mary's County Public Information Office."

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