OMNI NEWSLETTER #1 CELEBRATING WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY, AUGUST 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution passed Congress, the Woman Suffrage Amendment, giving U.S. women full voting rights. Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace and JUSTICE, August 26, 2011. (Contact Gladys Tiffany if you would like to continue this annual commemoration. It is one of the great moments in the history of US freedom and deserves attention.)

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Women's Equality Day - August 26
August 26 of each year is designated in the United States as Women's Equality Day. Instituted by Rep. Bella Abzug and first established in 1971, the date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920. Here are some links for more information connected with this commemoration:

Women's Equality Day 2004 - Presidential Proclamation
A copy of the 2004 Presidential Proclamation declaring August 26 Women's Equality Day in the United States, from the office of the President of the U.S., George W. Bush.

About Bella Abzug
Wome's Equality Day founder Bella Abzug was a US Congressman, lawyer, writer, and news commentator.

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Winning the Vote: American Woman Suffrage Timeline
A state-by-state listing of the gradual expansion of women's franchise in the United States.

Not for Ourselves Alone
Written back in 1999 when the documentary was new, this article reviews the Ken Burns documentary on the relationship of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. For Women's Equality Day, why not rent a copy and watch it -- or buy a copy and donate it to your local school or library?

Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971
A copy of the original resolution by Congress designating August 26 as Women's Equality Day.

Bella Abzug Quotations
A few choice quotes from the woman who, as a U.S. Representative in Congress, helped push through the initial proclamation of Women's Equality Day.

August 26, 1920
The end of the battle to win the vote for women in the United States came when a young Tennessee legislator voted as his mother urged him to vote. Article also includes links to other material on this site about the long battle for woman suffrage, biographies of key suffrage activists, and photos of the suffrage struggle.

Woman and the Republic
It may seem obvious today why women should have been given the vote, but it was controversial before 1920. Here's one of the most well-reasoned anti-suffrage documents to come out of that long struggle. Read it through for an interesting insight into why it took so long to win the vote.

Woman Suffrage: the Cast of Characters
An index to the biographies of some of the key women involved in the long struggle to win women's vote in America.

Women's Equality Day 1998
A Presidential Proclamation on the 150th anniversary of the first women's rights
Dorothy Kenyon Bridges
From Women's enews historian Louise Bernikow, a history of Women's Strike Day on August 26, 1970, and the role of Dorothy Kenyon. Women's Strike Day in 1970 -- in the U.S. and in Paris -- was a forerunner of Women's Equality Day.
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Watch: Women Win the Right to Vote in the United States:
- On August 26, 1920, women's suffrage became law in the United States.
- The 19th amendment of the US Constitution now gave women the right to vote.
- The Seneca Falls... more

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Janet Hamlin is a graduate of Art Center College in Pasadena and a professional illustrator for over two decades. She has been the sole court artist covering the Guantanamo Bay tribunals since 2006. This Women's Equality Day poster brings both past and present together.

In our past, we see women suffragettes fighting for women's right to vote in America, and in our present, today's women:

- Laura Bush, former First Lady
- Michelle Obama, First Lady
- Sonia Sotomayor, first Hispanic Associate Justice in the Supreme Court

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