



2020 Women's Equality Day Observance Message

Each year on August 26, Eighth Army observes Women's Equality Day to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution: *"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."* Achieving this milestone required a lengthy and difficult struggle; victory took decades of agitation and protest. Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of woman suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution.

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, let us reflect on how far we have come toward fully realizing the basic freedoms enshrined in our Constitution, and remember that Eighth Army greatly benefits from the patriotism, loyalty, and leadership of the more than 3500 female Soldiers who serve along Freedom's Frontier.

Eighth Army is strong and getting stronger because of the dedication of all who choose to serve our Nation.

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