

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROCLAMATION

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

WHEREAS, Cosumnes Community Services District supports women's right to civic engagement and promotes access to leadership roles within our community's public spheres; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote (once exclusively granted to white, male property owners) was extended to women through the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on August 26th of 1920; and

WHEREAS, since then, women have fought for financial liberation, winning the right to apply for credit in their names in 1974, have fought to outlaw marital rape in 1993, increased awareness of domestic violence and support for its victims, and legislated against workplace sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, despite these advancements, women working full time, year-round, are only paid 84% of what men are paid, and women held only 8.2% of the CEO positions at S&P 500 companies in 2023; and

WHEREAS, today, being a woman means overcoming adversity and discrimination, being secure in her identity, speaking her truth, supporting her family and community, and feeling unafraid to be both feminist and feminine; and

WHEREAS, the fight for women's equality continues, as it is crucial to support organizations that help women and families achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the District is honoring Chicks in Crisis for its dedication to helping teens and women in our community find mental, physical, and emotional healing while facing challenges such as unplanned pregnancies. The founder of Chicks in Crisis has devoted her life to ensuring that teens and women with little to no money have a place to go and a place to find hope for their future; and

WHEREAS, Chicks in Crisis is a non-profit organization that serves as a pregnancy and parenting family resource center in Elk Grove, California. Chicks in Crisis supports both women and men, helping parents in school and improving their lives so they become responsible adults and parents. Their program empowers individuals and equips them with the necessary skills and resources to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals; and

WHEREAS, Chicks in Crisis has served 2,975 adults and 4,190 children over the last 12 months. They provided 65,847 diapers, 88,508 wipes, and 822 cans of formula! 171 volunteers served within the program, with 61 teens, women, and men graduating from High School, College, or Trade School.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors does hereby commemorate the anniversary date of August 26th, when the 19th Amendment was certified officially extending the right to vote to women, as:

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 7th day, August 2024, in Elk Grove, California.



Jim Luttrell, President



Angela Spease, Vice President



Peter Sakaris, Director



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Orlando Fuentes, Director



Gil Albani, Director

ATTEST:



Phil Lewis, General Manager/ CEO