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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503
August 22, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 1105 - Women's
Equality Day
Sponsor - Rep. Abzug (D) New York

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Last Day for Action

September 2, 1974 - Monday

Purpose

Designates August 26, 1974 as "Women's Equality Day" and authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Civil Rights Commission	Approval (Informal)

Discussion

The 19th amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, was declared ratified by a proclamation of the Secretary of State dated August 26, 1920. H.J. Res. 1105 would authorize and request you to issue a proclamation designating August 26, 1974 as Women's Equality Day in commemoration of this anniversary.

A proposed proclamation drafted by the Office of Management and Budget has been sent to the White House staff.

Wilfred H. Rowmel
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

28/16

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 516

Date: August 16, 1974

Time: 5:00 p. m.

FOR ACTION: Stan Ebner

cc (for information): Anne Armstrong
Warren K. Hendriks
Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Tuesday, August 20, 1974

Time: 2:00 p. m.

SUBJECT: "Women's Equality Day" - Proposed Proclamation

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Would you please get the appropriate clearances from Justice and forward to us as soon as possible.

Please return to Kathy Tindle - West Wing.

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Warren K. Hendriks
For the President

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August 15, 1974

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

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But although we have come a great distance since 1920, we still have a great distance to go. In 1970, on the floor of the House, I said that the Women's Equal Rights Amendment was an idea whose

time has come. Today I want to reaffirm my personal commitment to that amendment. The time for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment has come just as surely as did the time for the 19th Amendment.

As we approach 1975, which has been widely proclaimed as International Women's Year, it is incumbent upon us to face up to deal with those inequities that still linger as barriers obstructing the full participation of women in our Nation's life. We must also remain diligent in strengthening public resolve to support those existing laws that prohibit discrimination based on sex.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD FORD, President of the United States of America do hereby call upon all Americans to observe August 26, 1974, as Women's Equality Day, with appropriate ceremonies and activities. I further invite our citizens to give thoughtful consideration to the important role of American women in our society and their contribution to our economic, social and political well-being. As a Nation dedicated

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to women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto sey my hand
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FOR ACTION: *Note for action for the Dept. Sec.*
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Signed

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GENERAL COUNSEL

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MEMORANDUM FOR WARREN K. HENDRIKS

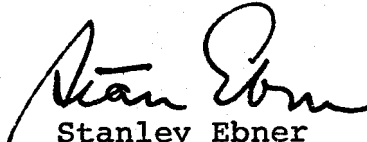
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The proposed Proclamation has been slightly revised
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Stanley Ebner
General Counsel

Enclosures

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otherwise, no objection.*

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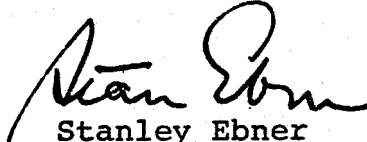
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UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Washington, D. C. 20425

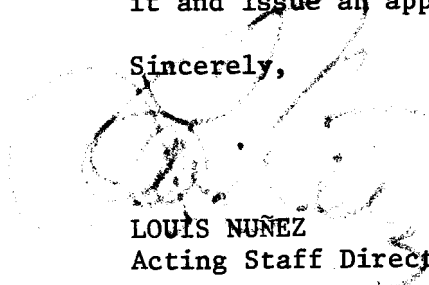
August 22, 1974

Mr. W. H. Rommel
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mr. Rommel:

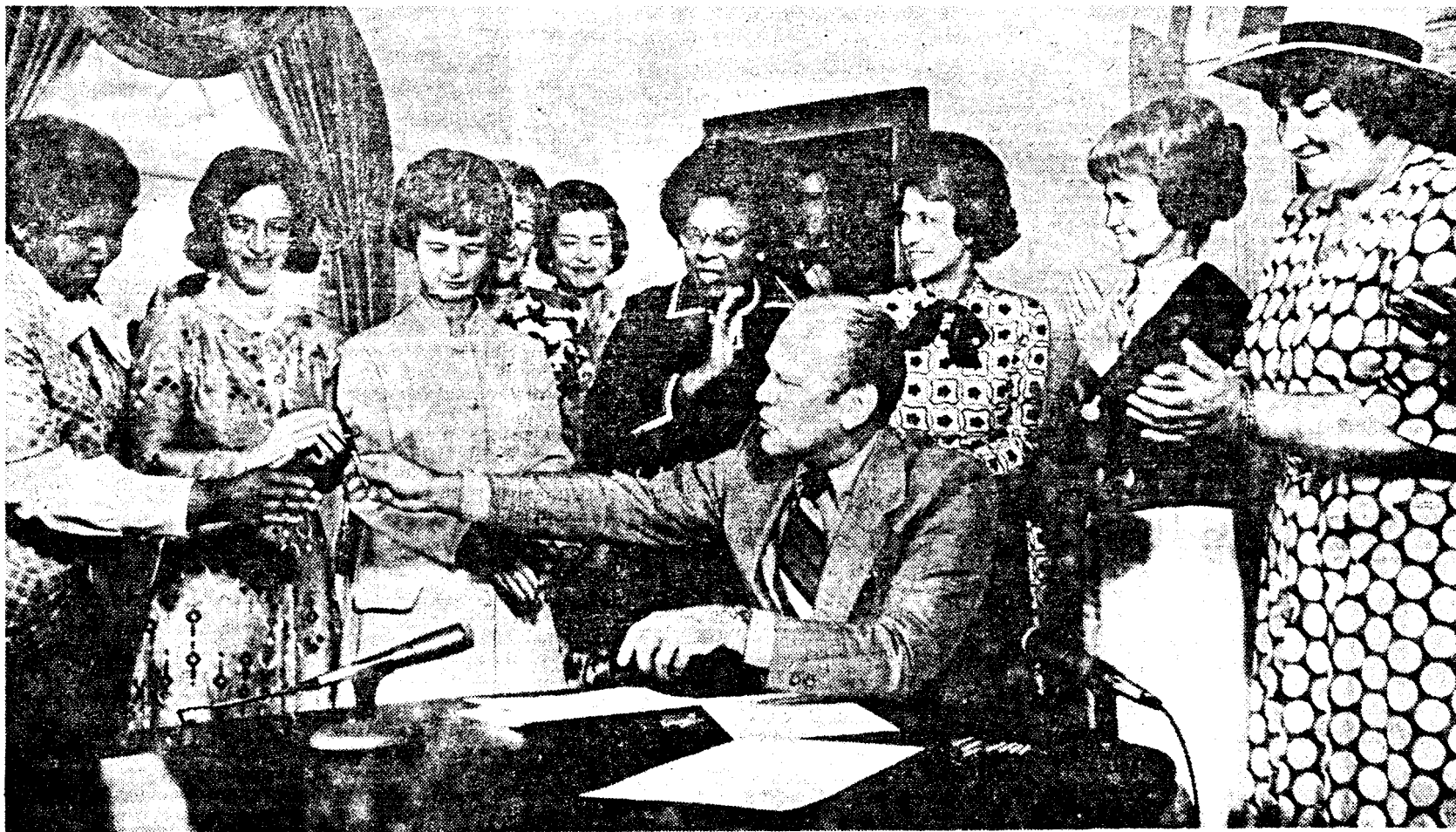
The U. S. Commission on Civil Rights is pleased to respond to your recent request for its views on H. J. Res. 1105, a joint resolution designating August 26, 1974, as "Women's Equality Day". The Commission is in favor of this joint resolution and we hope that you will recommend to the President that he sign it and issue an appropriate proclamation.

Sincerely,



LOUIS NUÑEZ
Acting Staff Director

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By Frank Johnston—The Washington Post

WOMEN'S DAY—President Ford invited congresswomen to the White House for the signing of a proclamation designating Aug. 26, anni-

versary of women's suffrage, as "Women's Equality Day." Surrounding Mr. Ford, from left, are: Reps. Barbara Jordan, Elizabeth Holtz-

man, Marjorie S. Holt and Leonor K. Sullivan; Mrs. Ford; Reps. Cardiss Collins, Corinne C. Boggs, Margaret M. Heckler and Bella S. Abzug.

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, 1974

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

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August 22, 1974

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON SIGNING A PROCLAMATION
ON
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, 1974

THE PRESIDENT: Let me say it has been my observation that women over the years in politics, as well as otherwise, have to do things twice as well as men in order to get half as much credit, and I think that we have got to change that.

I think the efforts that are being made in many fields -- and this afternoon I am going to be signing the Community Better Cities Act, or whatever the title is, and it is my understanding in that bill the Congress has included a provision that there can be no discrimination against women in the field of mortgage financing.

So, you are making headway every day, including today.

But I also am sure many of you know that I was somewhat helpful at the time the Equal Rights Amendment went through the House of Representatives -- where is Martha this morning?

A She is in Michigan.

THE PRESIDENT: We will save this for Martha.

I am delighted that our State has taken forthright action on it. What is it, six short now, or five?

A Five short.

THE PRESIDENT: So, good luck to you. Thank you all very, very much for coming down, and it is nice to see you.

Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

Joint Resolution

Designating August 26, 1974, as "Women's Equality Day"

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That August 26, 1974, is designated as "Women's Equality Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation in commemoration of that day in 1920 on which the women of America were first guaranteed the right to vote.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

August 21, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on August 21st:

S.J. Res. 66	H.J. Res. 1105
S.J. Res. 220	H.R. 3620
S.J. Res. 221	H.R. 15581
S.J. Res. 222	H.R. 16027

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.