LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

**Press Release** **August 10, 2026**

## Women's Equality Day
## August 26th, Noon to 1:30 pm, Ausable Chasm Gazebo
## (near) the North Star Underground Railroad Museum
## 1131 Mace Chasm Road, Ausable Chasm

The Commemoration of Women's Equality Day in Clinton County is a collaborative celebration sponsored by eight groups - the League of Women Voters of the North Country, the Clinton County Historical Association, the North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association, the Champlain Valley Business and Professional Women, the Kent-Delord House Museum, the Saranac Chapter of the DAR, Delta Kappa Gamma Society Psi Chapter and the Women's Rights Alliance of New York. This nationally recognized day commemorates the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920 which ensured that no one was barred from voting due to their gender. We know this meant white women and black women but not Native American women, women who had married non-US citizens and Asian women. That would come later. Nonetheless, August 26th, 1920, was the finish of a 72 year battle for women as a gender, nationwide, to get the right to vote. We use this day to thank and recognize the many women who fought for this right, share some of the history that followed, and discuss some current issues we need to be aware of.

This year we are commemorating Women's Equality Day from noon to 1:30 pm at the Ausable Chasm Gazebo with parking near the North Star Underground Railroad Museum at 1131 Mace Chasm Road. The program is: **Two Battles, One Ballot: African American Women and the Struggle for Equal Voting Rights.** North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association President Jacqueline Madison explores the extraordinary determination of Black women who fought simultaneously against racial discrimination and gender inequality to secure the right to vote. Through stories of courage, resistance, and perseverance, this presentation examines literacy tests, voter intimidation, racial violence, and discriminatory laws that sought to silence their voices. Focusing on the experiences of African American women in the North, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of their vital role in the long struggle for voting rights and the lasting impact of their activism on American democracy.

Additionally, we will hear the events and activities that each of our collaborating organizations have planned. Refreshments will be served. **The public is encouraged to attend and bring your lunch**. Please mark your calendars and RSVP to Helen Nerska at allenhomestead@gmail.com

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