

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any States on account of sex.” ~19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, 1920

89 years ago today, women were granted the right to vote in America through the passage of the 19th Amendment. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world's first women's rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York.

Dubbed Women's Equality Day, August 26th not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women's continuing efforts toward full equality.

Women's Equality Day is a celebration of such a basic part of our democratic process - the right to vote - and the opportunities to channel that power into real, lasting change, starting at the grassroots level. **Stand with women today and stand up for women's access to full comprehensive reproductive health care and an equal place at life's table thanks to our many successes over the past 89 years.**

Making Women's Health Care a Priority in Health Care Reform

Over the past few months the health care reform debates have heated up. With Congress on recess all August, they have been hard at work in-district talking with NH citizens about health care reform. *And PPNNE has been there to show our support!* Planned Parenthood's priorities continue to focus on ensuring that any coverage expansion includes comprehensive reproductive health care and allows women to continue to access services from the health care providers they trust, like Planned Parenthood.

Come out and show your support for health care reform this Saturday!

Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter is holding two health care town hall meetings:

Saturday, August 29th

11am-12pm

Norris Cotton Federal Building - 275 Chestnut Street
Manchester, NH 03101

Saturday, August 29th

2pm-3pm

Thomas J. McIntyre Federal Building - 80 Daniel Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Planned Parenthood believes that all of us benefit from healthy communities and healthy families, in which every person has access to high-quality, affordable, and confidential health care from a provider of choice. Ensuring such access is a critical step in eliminating the poor health and gross health care disparities experienced by so many in this country.

Celebrate Women's Equality Day by taking action on health care reform today:

First:

Anti-choice groups are trying to hijack health care reform, jeopardizing women's health for their

own political agenda. And this time, the misinformation they spread could result in taking away existing benefits from women and denying them access to the trusted providers of their choice. **Take Action by clicking [here](#).**

Then:

Attend one of Carol Shea-Porter's health care town halls this Saturday and make your voice heard - women cannot be worse off under any new reform!

Always:

Support women's equality in your daily activities

Thanks for your support!

For more information or to answer any questions, contact: mburgoyne@ppnne.org