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**Joint Board Matter with Supervisors Gross and Smith
Commission for Women's 50th Anniversary**

Members of the Board,

This year marks 50 years since the Commission for Women was established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the purpose of advising the Board on issues to eliminate violence against women and end gender- and sex-based discrimination against all women and girls in the County.

The Commission has become a vital force in the County due to its strong advocacy work toward helping establish the Turning Point Suffrage Memorial, pursuing the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, and supporting paid family medical leave. They have established robust partnerships with organizations including the Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, and the National Association of Commissions for Women, which have been pivotal in advancing the work of promoting gender equality and honoring women and girls. They remain committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, in an effort to best serve our community members who are historically marginalized, underserved, unheard and underrepresented.

Therefore, we move, without objection, that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation to be presented outside the board room to recognize and honor the Commission for Women's 50th anniversary and their ongoing efforts to obtain equity for women and girls in Fairfax County.