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MEDIA ADVISORY: Fort Benning to observe Women's Equality Day

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – The mayor of Columbus will be the guest speaker at the Fort Benning Women's Equality Day luncheon at 11 a.m. Aug. 26 at the Benning Conference Center.

Teresa Tomlinson will address the theme, "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote."

Tomlinson was elected as the 69th mayor of Columbus on Nov. 30, 2010. On Jan. 3, 2011, she was sworn in as the city's first female mayor and is currently serving her second term. She is a graduate of Sweet Briar College, in Virginia, and a 1991 graduate of Emory University School of Law, in Atlanta.

She has four times been named to Georgia Trend's 100 Most Influential Georgians.

Other guests include: Col. Wendy Daknis, Fort Benning staff judge advocate, Christine Robins, CEO Char Broil, Col. Marie Dominguez, Martin Army Community Hospital commander, Rebecca Rumer, chief administrative officer of Synovus

Women's Equality Day was first celebrated in 1971 when the U. S. Congress, at the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug, designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day. The date commemorates the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote in 1920.

The ratification of the Women's Suffrage Amendment was the culmination of a civil rights movement that lasted 72 years.

Media who wish to cover this event should contact the MCoE Public Affairs Office to coordinate a media escort.

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