

Proclamation



MARY O'TOOLE DAY

JULY 21, 2022

WHEREAS, Mary O'Toole emigrated from Ireland to the United States at age 16 and after working as a Stenographer and Court Reporter in New York, studied at the American University Washington College of Law; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 1921, President Warren G. Harding appointed Ms. O'Toole as Judge of the Municipal Court of Washington, DC, making her the first woman Municipal Court Judge in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Judge O'Toole was reappointed to the Municipal Court of Washington, DC for two additional terms by two subsequent U.S. Presidents, and became the first woman President of a bank and the first Director of the Washington, DC Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Judge O'Toole was a founding member and the first President of the Women's City Club of Washington, DC, the first woman on the former Board of Trade for the District of Columbia, and served as President of the DC chapter of the National American Women's Suffrage Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Mary O'Toole was a trailblazer who advocated for DC and women's voting rights, social justice, affordable housing, and juvenile justice:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim July 21, 2022, as "MARY O'TOOLE DAY" in Washington, DC.

