

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March is National Women's History Month as designated by the United States Congress in 1987. This national observance encourages recognition and respect for women's vital role throughout American history.

WHEREAS, This celebration, known as "Women's History Week," was a local event first held in Santa Rosa, California, the week of March 8, 1978 to correspond with International Women's Day. With growing interest, a consortium of women's groups and historians led by the National Women's History Alliance successfully lobbied for national recognition.

WHEREAS, United States President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the Week of March 8, 1980, National Women's History Week, stating, "...The achievements, leadership, courage, strength, and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well."

WHEREAS, In 1987, the United States Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity, requiring a special presidential proclamation to be issued yearly honoring American women's extraordinary achievements. The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes a theme each year.

WHEREAS, The 2024 National Women's History Month theme is titled: "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as:

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

and encourage everyone to observe this month by acknowledging the women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination from our lives and institutions.



Angela Birney, Mayor

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