

P R O C L A M A T I O N
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed yearly during the month of March in Mendocino County since 1983 and is annually being observed in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2023 will take place from Wednesday, March 1 through Friday, March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the celebration marks its 40th anniversary in Mendocino County to increase and acknowledge the roles of women at all levels of the community and to become knowledgeable about issues that affect their equality and to foster networks that extend and expand the creative, social, and political strength of women; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 National Women's History Theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" recognizing women, past and present, who have been active in all types of media and storytelling; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways and have served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the country's volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bernie Norvell, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim March as "Women's History Month."

SIGNED this 13th day of March, 2023

BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, MMC, City Clerk

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