## City of Albany Proclamation

## IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH & INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

- **WHEREAS,** by Congressional Resolution, March was designated as "Women's History Month" in 1987; and
- WHEREAS, American 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
- WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles 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, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and
- WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and
- WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement including women's suffrage; abolition of slavery, the industrial labor, the civil rights, the peace and antiwar and the Me Too movements; and
- WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military and law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS, American women have served as role models and leaders in the field of sports and athletics; and
- WHEREAS, American women have served as political leaders in local, state, and federal offices; and

WHEREAS, women in Albany played a prominent role in our history; leading the movement for independence from Berkeley and incorporation, continuing to serve as elected officials on both City Council and Board of Education, providing countless hours of volunteer service and serving in professional roles.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Albany City Council does hereby proclaim March 2023 as Women's History month and Wednesday, March 8, 2023 as International Women's Day in the City of Albany.

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