

City of Albany

Proclamation



IN HONOR OF WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH & INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY March 2024

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 have been on the frontlines, fighting for and securing equal rights and opportunity throughout our country’s history as abolitionists, civil rights leaders, suffragists, and labor activists. Women continue to lead as advocates for reproductive rights, champions of racial injustice and LGBTQI+ equality; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, women have opened the doors of opportunity for subsequent generations to become community leaders, educators, doctors, scientists, childcare providers, first responders and service members, innovators, entrepreneurs, and essential workers in every industry and more; 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 the City Council and the Board of Education, providing countless hours of volunteer service and serving in professional roles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany would like to acknowledge and recognize the Albany High School Feminist Club for their ongoing commitment to learn about the history of gender discrimination, participate in discussions to bring awareness of the inequalities that exist today, and to advocate for equitable treatment, rights and opportunities for women and girls in our community and on a broader scale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Albany City Council does hereby recognize March 2024 as Women’s History Month and Friday, March 8, 2024 as International Women’s Day in the City of Albany.

Date: March 4, 2024

JOHN MIKI, MAYOR

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