

# *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 18, 2024

  
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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR