

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Women's History Month – March 2024

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is an annual national celebration recognizing the remarkable contributions of women to culture and society; and

WHEREAS, despite the significant contributions made by women throughout history, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in leadership, literature, and the teaching and study of American history, but **Women's History Month** is a testament to how small actions can grow into large accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, in 1908, 15,000 women in New York City marched for a shorter work week, better pay, and suffrage; and in February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8, 1980 as National Women's History Week, and later in 1987, the celebration was extended to a month when Congress passed a law designating March as **Women's History Month**; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class and ethnic background have long been integral in the building and shaping of Napa County's economic, cultural, artistic, agricultural and social landscape. Women are a vital presence in every sector, contributing significantly to both the workforce and in volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, Napa County made history in 2022, when for the first time a female majority was elected to serve on the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, today, women hold 50% of all elected positions in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women, Napa County branch was chartered in 1929, and since has advocated with vigor for gender equity for women and girls through educational scholarship and sponsorship programs, representing the female voice on boards and commissions and launching initiatives to fight against racism, food insecurity, human trafficking, bullying and more; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Napa County has equally served to empower women to not only engage and participate in their community, but also to lead and take an active role in our democracy. The League of Women Voters of Napa County has contributed significantly to bolstering women to make their voices heard and defend democracy through election protection, democratic reform and equal access to the ballot; and

WHEREAS, Napa County is home to an incredible community of dynamic women whose collective spirit, passion and vision contributes invaluable to the essence of Napa Valley. Forging unique paths as educators, healthcare workers, industry and non-profit leaders, innovators, crusaders, entrepreneurs, tastemakers and role models, these accomplished women embody skillsets as diverse and beautiful as the wine region surrounding us, making Napa County one of the most desirable places to live, work, and play in the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 12th day of March, does hereby recognize **March 2024 as Women's History Month** in Napa County, and in doing so, we encourage all members of the community to honor and celebrate the contributions of the women beside us, those who have come before us, and those who will follow in our footsteps.

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