

DUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH

AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of March is known as Women's History Month and International Women's Day was on March 8, 2023. The month and the day are a global celebration of the economic, cultural, social, and political achievements of women. This year's themes for Women's History Month is "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality" and International Women's Day is "#EmbraceEquity" and strongly encourages us ALL to embody equitable practices and act on them in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census notes 49% of the County of Santa Barbara is female and call our county home. Over 1,862 women own their own businesses while the largest demographic of people living in poverty are females ages 18-24 at 18.1%; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara wishes to uphold the achievements, educate on the challenges, and provide more exposure to the rights of women and gender equality & equity. We envision a Santa Barbara County that is free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination; that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive; and that empathetically celebrates and values our differences; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is grateful for the leaders and volunteers with the Women's Commission whose mission is to promote the equitable and equal status, and well-being of women in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara has a history of exceptional women, who carry forth the tradition of providing support for all who live, work, play, and support our region. We thank the thousands of women leaders, community organizers and organizations, women in STEM, who fight for justice, equity, and positive change for our County - yet, we may have a long way to achieve true equity. These women are ceaseless in showing us the light and pathway for true change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors declares March Women's History Month, and is especially grateful to those women who serve the constituents of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twentyfirst day of March 2023, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST:

1st District CIVISOT -

3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

5th District