



PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF

Women's History Month March 2022

WHEREAS, in 1975, the United Nations adopted the second Tuesday in March as International Women's Day as a global day to celebrate the historical, cultural, and political achievements of women, which is observed with action against gender inequality around the world; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our city, county, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the Abolitionist Movement, the Emancipation Movement, the Industrial Labor Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, and especially the Peace Movement, which helped to create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing much of the volunteer labor force of our community; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

WHEREAS, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked, in the literature, teaching and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated those disparities which have disproportionately impacted women's labor force participation, multiplied the burden on caregivers, and increased rates of gender-based violence.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Steve Young, Mayor of the City of Benicia, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Benicia, hereby proclaim March 2022 as “Women’s History Month” in the City of Benicia. We encourage residents, schools, businesses, and community groups to observe the month of March as Women’s History Month and to recognize March 8th as International Women’s Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Steve Young, Mayor
March 15, 2022