

Resolution No.

# STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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## **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH” IN STOCKTON**

Women of every culture, class, and ethnic background have participated in the founding and building of our city, state, and nation, made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our city, state, and nation, and played a critical role in shaping the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society, not in the least of ways through their participation in the labor force, working both inside and outside the home; and

In the face of inequality, inequity and hardship, women, nevertheless, have persisted and have been leaders in every movement for social change, including their own movement for suffrage and equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize labor unions, and the Civil Rights Movement, as well as leading the call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment; and

In light of these efforts and the achievements of all women, we take this opportunity to honor women and their contributions to the development of our society and our world; and

The celebration of Women’s History Month will provide an opportunity for schools and communities to focus attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the women of Stockton, California, and the United States and for students, in particular, to benefit from an awareness of these contributions; and

Women’s History Month will be not only a call to acknowledge the outstanding women whose names we know, but also a call to pay homage to the many women who have anonymously shaped our collective past; and

The observance of Women’s History Week was initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in 1977, a celebration that evolved into Women’s History Month, commemorated throughout the nation by schools, historians, and community groups; and

The achievements of women who have gone before us will enable contemporary women and men to create tomorrow’s history by working toward an end to physical and sexual violence against women, discrimination and harassment in employment, and the relegation to poverty status of many women, and by advocating for the full participation of women in the economic and political arena, the provision of adequate child care, respect for those who choose homemaking and motherhood as their career, and equal access to all of the opportunities this great nation has to offer; and

The story of the Women's Rights Movement deserves telling because of the significance and scope of the role of women in making history and shaping the cultural and societal makeup of Stockton, California, and the United States, and because it is a rich part of our common heritage, a story of gallantry and devotion to the belief that the opportunity for complete human dignity should not be denied to one-half of the city, the state, and the nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council takes pleasure in joining the San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women, League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County, Junior League of San Joaquin County, the Stockton Branch of the American Association of University Women, the Stockton Chapter of The Links, the Stockton Chapter of Black Women Organized for Political Action, Project GIA, and countless other civic organizations and women leaders in honoring the contributions of women, and proclaims the month of March 2017 as Women's History Month.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED March 28, 2017.

MICHAEL D. TUBBS  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

BONNIE PAIGE  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton