

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 2024 AS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, women and girls, both celebrated and unsung, have been essential protagonists in the history of the County of San Mateo, the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, women and girls refers to gender expansive adults and youth—cis, trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming, and gender queer; and,

WHEREAS, women's contributions in the struggles for justice, freedom, and economic empowerment—as indigenous rights activists, abolitionists, civil rights champions, labor leaders, suffragists, reproductive rights defenders, disability justice activists, and LGBTQ+ activists—have been systematically suppressed and ignored; and,

WHEREAS, women are leading in racially and ethnically diverse government at the highest levels, including as San Mateo County Supervisor, Vice President of the United States, and Supreme Court Justice, while continuing the struggle for equal representation and to break that glass ceiling of the United States Presidency; and,

WHEREAS, women have made bold, daring progress, and they continue to encounter systemic barriers to full, equal participation in our economy and democracy; and,

WHEREAS, celebrating women throughout history and uplifting their stories honors how the freedoms of all people are interconnected and how the responsibility for a just and fair society lies with all of us, regardless of gender; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo's Women in County Government's annual women employees recognition event, Women's Equality Day, the biennial RISE Women's Leadership Conference and Women's Hall of Fame by the County of San Mateo's Commission on the Status of Women, are just a few of the ongoing efforts to uplift the people who make up over 50 percent of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates March 2024 as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** and encourages the public to learn about women's contributions and to strive for a County where every woman and girl lives free from barriers to their highest aspirations.

Dated: March 12, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors