



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA In Recognition of Women's History Month

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes that women of every race, class and ethnic background have made significant and historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes that women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home and by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes American women who have served our country courageously in the military; and

Whereas: Women's History Month recognizes 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 other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas: In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. Six years after the proclamation, Congress declared March of each year as Women's History Month; and

Whereas: The national theme for Women's History Month 2024 is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" as announced by the National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March being declared National Women's History Month. Women's stories, and the larger human story, expand our understanding and strengthen our connections with each other; NOW

Therefore: I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia, do hereby recognize the month of March as *Women's History Month* to honor women everywhere for their outstanding achievements and invaluable contributions to society.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 11th day of March in the year of Our Lord 2024.



Derek Norton
Mayor

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