

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:
**Resolution Proclaiming March 2021 as
Women's History Month in Monterey County**

WHEREAS, Women of every race, gender identity, class, and ethnic background make contributions to the growth and strength of our County in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Women play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life, constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working both in and out of the home, as well as courageously serving in our country's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Women are leaders, serving in the forefront of progressing social change movements, securing their right of suffrage and equal opportunity, and fighting for the civil rights of others to create a more fair and just society; and

WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women in our society has been curtailed and consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history. Including Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, Alice Paul, among other women leaders who struggled for equality; and

WHEREAS, Women's history takes a fresh look at all that has gone before and tells the story of our shared past from a different perspective, not rewriting history, but presenting and expanding a version of history that recognizes and honors the accomplishments of women; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, the National Women's History Project, a non-profit educational organization, was set up to recognize and celebrate the diverse and significant historic accomplishments of women, and successfully lobbied Congress to designate March as National Women's History Month in 1987; and

WHEREAS, 2020 marked the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which recognizes women's right to vote and the culmination of their countless struggle and fight for equal rights;

WHEREAS, Since most of the women's suffrage centennial celebrations were curtailed, the National Women's History Project has extended the celebrations and selected "***Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced***" as this year's annual theme to ensure the critical roles of multicultural suffragists and voting rights activists continue to be recognized and honored, refusing to allow their voices to be silenced because of the global pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey does hereby proclaim the month of March 2021 as **Women's History Month** in Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2021.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy