



Proclamation

National Women's History Month Valiant Women of the Vote

WHEREAS, every year March is designated Women's History Month by Presidential proclamation to honor women's contributions in American history. The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The 2020 Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." honoring "the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others."

WHEREAS, In recognition of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we will honor women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st century women who have continued the struggle to ensure voting rights for all by fighting against poll taxes, literacy tests, voter roll purges, and other more contemporary forms of voter suppression.

WHEREAS, Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

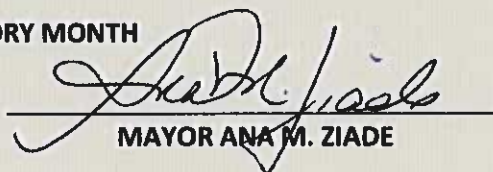
WHEREAS, in 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week.

WHEREAS, subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the City Commission of the City of North Lauderdale, do hereby proclaim the month of March as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Dated this 25th day of February, 2020


MAYOR ANA M. ZIADE

