

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - MARCH 2024

WHEREAS, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the generations of trailblazing women and girls who have built our Nation, shaped our progress, and strengthened our character as a people; women throughout this country who recognize that we need to eliminate bias and discrimination from our lives and institutions: and

WHEREAS, the National Women's History Alliance has designated the theme for the 2024 Women's History Month as "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion"; and

WHEREAS, this theme recognizes the vital contributions of women who have dedicated themselves to advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of society; we recognize the example of women who are committed to embracing everyone — and excluding no one — in our common quest for freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, women from diverse backgrounds have long been at the forefront of efforts to address systemic inequities and promote a more inclusive and just society; and

WHEREAS, the courageous advocacy of women for practical goals such as equity, diversity, and inclusion serves as a beacon of inspiration for all individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, we honor the women who have tirelessly worked to dismantle barriers, challenge prejudices, and create opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their background. Women who have used their voice, their art, their work, and their talents, such as Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Rosa Parks, Eleanor Roosevelt, Gloria Steinem, Patsy Mink, Bernice Sandler, Coretta Scott King, Sheryl Sandberg, Dolores Huerta, Sally Ride, Urvashi Vaid, Ruth Bader-Ginsberg, Billie Jean King, Barbara Jordon, Shirley Chisholm, Jackie Joiner-Kersee, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Winona LaDuke and Patrisse Cullers. Locally we recognize fierce community advocates such as, Midge Wagner, Askari Sowonde, Maria Guevara, Cassandra James, Mildred Gains, Lisa Guttierrez-Wilson, Liat Meitzenheimer, Anna Bergman, Brenda Crawford, D.L. Lang, Eloise Scott, Lina Villenas, Isabel Reyes, and many others.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Robert H. McConnell, Mayor of the City of Vallejo, and the Vallejo City Council, hereby proclaim March 2024 as Women's History Month. I call upon all residents of Vallejo to recognize the women who advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

* https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/2024-whm-theme/

Dated: March 12, 2024



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