



CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role 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

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were essential in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every significant progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military;

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their rights of voting 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, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history:

WHEREAS, the National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month; the theme for 2022 is "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope;" and



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WHEREAS, this year's theme, is a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and to recognize the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John B. Stephen, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2022 as **Women's History Month** and call upon all Costa Mesa residents to observe this month and pay tribute to the women who enrich our society through civic action and dedication to community, innovation, peace, and prosperity.

DATED this first day of March 2022.



John B. Stephens, Mayor of City of Costa Mesa