

Proclamation

“Women’s History Month”

March 1-31, 2023

Whereas, each year, the United States observes Women’s History Month by celebrating the often-overlooked contributions of women in history, society, and culture. March was selected as Women’s History Month to correspond with International Women’s Day on March 8; and,

Whereas, the population of Adams County is approximately 49.2% female; and,

Whereas, Adams County has 12,562 women-owned businesses according to the Town Hall Neighborhood Snapshot in mid-2021; and,

Whereas, what began in 1978 as Women’s History Day until the idea caught on and, in 1980, the National Women’s History Alliance championed for the holiday to be observed as a national week. This was later expanded by President Jimmy Carter, who issued the first proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized March as National Women’s History Month; and,

Whereas, this year’s theme, “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories,” encourages recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade, throughout history. We are invited to commemorate the month and stand in solidarity with the many women by wearing purple, which is the official color of International Women’s Day; and,

Whereas, although too numerous to recognize individually by name, women have also served and continue to serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in art and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and so much more; and,

Whereas, women continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality of Adams County; and

Whereas, Adams County’s Women’s Empowerment Affinity Group exists to create a greater sense of belonging from within, to empower each other, and to create greater opportunities of empowerment in our lives.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims March 1–31, 2023, as

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and encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of women and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

In Witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed March 7, 2023.