Women's History Month 2022

Each year in the month of March we celebrate Women's History Month to recognize women for their contributions to American history. The celebration originated in Sonoma, California, in 1978 when the Sonoma School District held a weeklong celebration of women's contributions to society. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter made the first presidential proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month.

Women throughout history have made invaluable contributions to the civil rights movement, public office, Supreme Court decisions, education, the business sector, science and medicine, sports and the list goes on. In 2020, for the first time, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors was comprised of an all-female board. Additionally, several County departments are led by women directors including the: Chief Executive Office, Military and Veteran Affairs, Public Health, Health Services, Alternate Public Defender, Animal Care and Control, Arts and Culture, Auditor-Controller, Child Support Services, Executive Office, Human Resources, Library, Parks and Recreation, Natural History Museum, Public Social Services, Regional Planning, and the Office of Education.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1. Proclaim March 2022 as Women's History Month in Los Angeles County.
- Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to work through the Center for Strategic Partnerships to explore and identify opportunities to raise funds for the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's Resilience Scholarship Program.
- 3. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer through her Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations division to ensure that the County's legislative priorities align with the advocacy efforts of the Commission for Women to ensure the well-being of women through building strong partnerships, sharing available resources, enhancing equity and justice, and educating and empowering through participation in the legislative process.

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