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Women’s History Month March 2026

Women’s History Month was first celebrated in the City of Sonoma, California, through a weeklong event beginning in 1978. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded this observance, declaring March as National Women’s History Month in perpetuity. Since then, Women’s History Month has been observed annually to honor the contributions of women to our communities, culture, and society.

This month provides an important opportunity to recognize and uplift female leadership across the nation. Six years ago, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors became the first all-female board in the County’s history, demonstrating the growing influence of women in public service. Today, numerous County departments are led by women directors, reflecting the critical role women play in shaping policies and programs that serve millions of residents. Los Angeles County celebrates these achievements through the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, which was created to represent the special interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnicities, social backgrounds, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, and life

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circumstances.

Despite significant progress, women continue to face serious challenges nationwide under the Trump administration. Federal policies have restricted access to reproductive healthcare, including freezing Title X funding for community clinics such as Planned Parenthood, limiting low-income and uninsured patients' access to birth control, cancer screenings, and other essential services. Executive actions have reinforced the Hyde Amendment, eliminated protections for gender-diverse women, and imposed restrictive definitions of sex in federal programs and women's sports, threatening both healthcare access and equal opportunities. In the workplace, guidance from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has de-emphasized enforcement of diversity, equity, and inclusion policies and reduced investigations into sex discrimination, weakening protections for women. Women from historically marginalized communities are disproportionately affected, facing barriers in education, employment, healthcare, and political representation. These ongoing challenges underscore the importance of recognizing women's leadership and resilience, the life-changing contributions they make to society, and the urgent need to defend policies that ensure equality, safety, and opportunity for all women.

As we observe Women's History Month, Los Angeles County reaffirms its commitment to honoring the achievements of women and advocating for policies that protect their rights. Women's leadership, resilience, and contributions have shaped our communities, strengthened our economy, and enriched our culture. By celebrating their

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accomplishments and supporting their participation at every level, we continue to build a community in which women are empowered to lead, thrive, and shape a better future for all.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 2026 as Women's History Month in Los Angeles County to honor the leadership, achievements, and contributions of women and to encourage all residents and County departments to celebrate and support women's ongoing impact in our communities.

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