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Celebrating March 2024 as Women's History Month

Women's History Month is celebrated every March to recognize women throughout history and their incredible contributions to society. Women's History Month was first celebrated in California's own City of Sonoma beginning in 1978. A short two years later, President Jimmy Carter made the first presidential proclamation declaring Women's History Week. In 1986, it expanded to the entire month of March for Women's History Month as we know it today.

Women have shaped our history, culture, art, democracy, and every aspect of society across decades and continents. The glass ceiling-shattering work of women is demonstrated through our own Board of Supervisors. In 2020 when Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell joined the Board, it became an all-women Board for the first time in history. With Supervisor Horvath elected to the Board in 2022, the all-women configuration continues, exemplifying the power and opportunity of female leadership.

Los Angeles County was built by women and stands with women and every person who identifies as a woman. As reproductive rights are threatened across the nation, it is more important than ever to acknowledge that the fight for women's rights is not over. As we celebrate Women's History Month 2024, we must model every day what is possible for girls and young women who will write the next chapters of our history.

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March offers a moment to highlight the work of women across the County. At the Board's March 12 meeting, each Supervisorial District will honor outstanding women across our communities. On March 18, Los Angeles County's Commission for Women will host its annual Women of the Year Awards focused on "women who advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion."

Given the many ways women have made this County the beacon of progress it is, it is important to recognize the contributions women have made.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 2024 as Women's History Month in Los Angeles County.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim March 8, 2024, as International Women's Day in Los Angeles County.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that CEO Countywide Communications highlight the work of the Commission for Women during the month of March 2024.

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