



## **PROCLAMATION HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH 2026**

**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 critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home, within corporations, the military, federal and local government agencies and educational organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force and were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

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

**WHEREAS**, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage 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 teaching and study of American history; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West St. Paul is proud to honor the stories, history and contributions of women in our community and throughout our state and our Nation. And proud to put forth the goal of gender equity and work to ensure representation and opportunity for all its women and girls.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor David J. Napier, and members of the City Council of the City of West St. Paul do recognize and hereby proclaim March 2026 as:

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of West St Paul, Minnesota, to be affixed on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.

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David J. Napier, Mayor