

Proclamation

“Women’s History Month” March 2024

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 is selected as the month of observing Women’s History Month to correspond with International Women’s Day on March 8th; and,

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

Whereas, Adams County has 12,562 women-owned businesses; and,

Whereas, what began in 1978 as Women’s History Day when the idea caught on and in 1980 the National Women’s History Alliance championed for the holiday to be observed as a national week which was expanded by President Jimmy Carter, who issued the first proclamation declaring the week of March 8th 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, “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion,” the theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination from our lives and institutions. We recognize the example of women, who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in the common quest for freedom and opportunity. We honor local women past and present who have taken the lead to show the importance of change and to establish firmer safeguards, practices, and legislations reflecting these values. Following decades of discrimination, we are proud to celebrate women who work for basic inclusion, equality & fairness and invite us to commemorate and stand in solidarity and wear 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 and Women of Color Affinity Groups exist to celebrate the diversity in our organization and our county as a whole.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims March 2024 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.