

Proclamation

Women's History Month March 2025

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 8; 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 8 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, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. We recognize the example of women, who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one in the common quest for freedom & opportunity. We honor local women past and present who have taken the lead to show the importance of change and establish firm safeguards, practices, and legislation reflecting these values. Following decades of discrimination, we are proud to celebrate women who work for inclusion, equality, and fairness; and

Whereas, although too numerous to recognize individually by name, women have also served and continue to serve as civil rights leaders, 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,

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners, of the County of Adams, does hereby proclaim March 2025, 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.