

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 8 as INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY and
MARCH 2022 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

***WHEREAS, Women's History Month** celebrates the innumerable contributions of women throughout history, and their indelible influences on our culture and society. More recently, since 1987, **Women's History Month** has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States; and **International Women's Day**, celebrated worldwide, is a special day to observe and appreciate the contributions and social advancement of women around the globe and is annually designated on the 8th day of March; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year's theme for **Women's History Month** is "**Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope**", a tribute to the selfless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and a recognition of the many ways which women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history; and*

***WHEREAS**, currently more than 800,000 women live in Sacramento County, representing more than 51% of the county's population. Importantly, the ability of women and girls to realize their full potential is a critical element if we are to achieve strong economic growth and lasting health and well-being in our communities and families; and*

***WHEREAS**, in Sacramento County and throughout the nation, women have fought for justice, shattered barriers, built and sustained economies, carried communities through times of crisis and served with dignity and resolve to accomplish great things but many times without the freedoms, full participation and equal opportunity which all women are due, and*

***WHEREAS**, in 2021, Sacramento County established the **Commission on the Status of Women and Girls** which will be of great assistance to the county in advancing the status of women and girls through a variety of means, including promoting their general welfare, listening to their stories, uplifting their contributions, connecting them to programs that end violence against women and girls, protecting their fundamental rights to a life of equity, promoting robust educational and economic opportunities and by promoting effective means of elevating women and girls to our county representatives and leaders; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout the month of March, we will celebrate all the women in our diverse communities who have shaped our history and have sacrificed to ensure greater opportunity for women from every walk of life and especially all who continue working to make progress in our communities today; and*

***WHEREAS, International Women's Day** is a time of reflection and recommitting to the cause of equity and equality for women and girls in Sacramento County. It is also a time for recovery and support for women during the current health crisis and an opportune time to work with the **Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls** and other local entities in developing strategies to accelerate economic recovery and social justice for all.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, does hereby proclaim **March 2022** as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** in Sacramento County and recognizes **March 8, 2022** as **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**, and further expresses gratitude to the women and girls of Sacramento County for their many notable contributions as well as their courage and sacrifices during the pandemic and throughout the history of our county, state and nation.*