TOWN OF ERIE
1874

Women's History Month Proclamation

Whereas, Women's History Month is observed annually in March to recognize and celebrate the vital role women have played in shaping the history, culture, economy, and progress of our nation; and

Whereas, Women of diverse backgrounds, identities, and experiences have made significant contributions in fields including education, science, public service, healthcare, business, the arts, and civic leadership, often overcoming systemic barriers and inequities; and

Whereas, throughout history, women have advanced civil rights, labor protections, public health, and democratic participation, helping to expand opportunity and strengthen communities; and

Whereas, Women continue to be leaders, innovators, caregivers, advocates, and change-makers whose work strengthens families, workplaces, and communities; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future", celebrates the contributions of women who are at the forefront of sustainability efforts across various movements, including environmental, economic, educational, and social justice; and

Whereas, recognizing women's history encourages community members to reflect on past progress, acknowledge ongoing challenges, and recommit to advancing gender equity in all areas of public and private life; and

Whereas, in March 1980, Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation establishing National Women's History week, and in 2011, President Barack Obama formally recognized March as Women's History Month, reaffirming the nation's commitment to honoring the achievements, leadership, and contributions of women throughout history and in contemporary society; and

Now, therefore, the Town Council does hereby proclaim that Women's History Month be celebrated from March 1-31, 2026, and I call upon all residents in the Town of Erie to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2026.

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Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

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Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk