



RESOLUTION #2020-2021-018

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE CELEBRATION OF
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN
REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the advocacy efforts of the National Women's History Project, now known as the National Women's History Alliance, led to an annual observance of Women's History Month, which highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society, and is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia;

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant and historic contributions to the growth and strength of our society in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed since 1908 in the United States when 15,000 women marched in New York City to raise awareness of issues such as wages, working hours, and voting rights;

WHEREAS, women of every race, religion, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement since the turn of the 20th century;

WHEREAS, 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 creates a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in literature, teaching, labor, and business;

WHEREAS, the National Women's History Alliance theme for 2021 is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced;"

WHEREAS, the 2021 theme for National Women's History Month celebrates the women who fought for women's right to vote in the United States. In recognition of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, the month's theme will honor women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st century women who have continued the struggle (fighting against poll taxes, literacy tests, voter roll purges, and other more contemporary forms of voter suppression) to ensure voting rights for all;

WHEREAS, for generations, women have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools, and communities. They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice, and reduce the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic, and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good;

WHEREAS, from women's rights and racial justice to disarmament and gun control, the drive for nonviolent change has been championed by visionary women. These women consciously built supportive, nonviolent

alternatives and loving communities as well as advocating for change. They have given voice to the unrepresented and hope to victims of violence and those who dream of a peaceful world;

WHEREAS, additional education is needed in order to increase the knowledge of all citizens relative to the contributions of women to the development of society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Reynolds School District will celebrates the month of March as Women's History Month;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent will work with teachers and staff to ensure that the contributions of women to the American tradition of inclusive, democratic, and active means to extend the right to vote for women, reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good are included in our curriculum and instructional program.

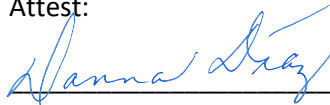
Adopted this 24th day of February 2021.

Signed:



Chair, Reynolds School District Board of Directors

Attest:



Superintendent/Clerk