



Village Manager's Office

SUBJECT: 2022 National Women's History Month Recognition Proclamation

MEETING DATE: March 8, 2022

FROM: [Alex Arteaga](#), Management Analyst
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BUDGET IMPACT: None

Recommended Motion

Proclamation designating the month of March 2022 as National Women's History Month in the Village of Wilmette.

Background

The Village's Human Relations Commission has endorsed Village proclamations recognizing the celebration of various groups including Women's History Month. As such, staff wanted to provide the Village Board with information regarding the history of this celebration.

The observation of Women's History Month started in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28, which authorized and requested the President to proclaim a "Women's History Week". In 1987, the celebration became a month-long event. Since 1995, Presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

Women's History Month is observed annually in March to celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history.

In proclaiming Women's History Month, Wilmette residents are encouraged to learn about the contributions of American women to our nation's history and to celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities. National Women's History Month information and resources can be found at <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>. Additionally, Wilmette residents can learn local history and local events celebrating Women's Month by visiting <https://www.wilmette.com/2022/03/02/2022-womens-history-month-recognition/>.

Documents Attached

1. 2022 National Women's History Month Proclamation



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all residents deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion and justice regardless of gender, age, race, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, or sensory ability; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Wilmette supports the rights of every individual to experience equality of treatment and values our diverse population of residents, businesses, and visitors, recognizing that this diversity is one of this community's greatest strengths; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Wilmette has a history of female leaders, community servants, professionals, and more that have influenced the community we are today, and it is important that we recognize their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, March is annually celebrated as National Women's History Month; the observance of Women's History Month calls our attention to the continued need for gender equality and to improve the lives of women; and,

WHEREAS, The National Women's History Alliance designated the 2022 theme for Women's History Month as "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This theme is a tribute to the work of caregivers and frontline workers during the pandemic and recognition of all the ways women have provided healing and hope throughout history; and

WHEREAS, individuals are encouraged to learn about women's history in Wilmette and the United States. Resources can be found at <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/> and <https://www.wilmette.com/2022/03/02/2022-womens-history-month-recognition/>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Senta Plunkett, Village President of Wilmette, Illinois, proclaim March 2022 as National Women's History Month and call upon all people of Wilmette, Illinois, to honor and celebrate the history and contributions of women in our community, our state, and our nation.

Dated this 8th day of March 2022.

Senta Plunkett
Village President