



Proclamation

of the City Council

Women's History Month March 2020

WHEREAS, women have influenced and advanced every facet of American life and culture. The strength, ingenuity, and spirit of our female leaders, innovators, and pioneers shape our government, industry, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, securing the right to vote for women. This milestone in our country was made possible in August 1920, by the devotion, leadership, and perseverance of pioneers like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony; and

WHEREAS, the ratification of the 19th Amendment enabled women to finally have their voices counted in voting booths, paving the way for greater female participation in all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, women have also been pioneers in fields like science, medicine, and engineering. Bessie Coleman, the world's first civilian licensed African-American pilot, and Marie Luhring, the first female truck designer, changed the way we think about aviation and transportation. Saint Katharine Drexel selflessly served those in need and left an indelible mark on nursing and education. NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, was behind some of the brilliant work that made possible the first manned spaceflights by United States astronauts. And most recently, two brave American astronauts, Flight Engineers Christina Koch and Jessica Meir, made history by conducting the first all-female spacewalk outside of the International Space Station; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, women comprised 71 percent of the net increase in employment, the female unemployment rate reached near historic lows, and women for the first time made up the majority of the college-educated labor force.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Shon Harris, Mayor of the City of Yuba City, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as Women's History Month, to pay tribute to the women who strengthen and enrich our society through civic action, devotion to family, and tireless dedication to the community, innovation, peace, and prosperity.

Done the 14th day of July, 2020, City of Yuba City, Sutter County and the State of California.