

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-021

Proclaiming March 2019 as Women's History Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

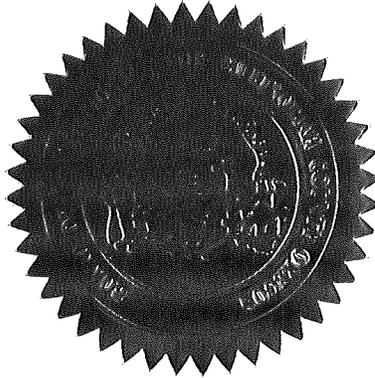
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. The co-sponsorship of a National Women's History Week in 1981 demonstrated then, the wide-ranging political support for recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.
- B. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity.
- C. WHEREAS: Multnomah County recognizes the significant contributions of women that enrich our community by reflecting on our champions of the past while also celebrating the achievements of our sheros today.
- D. WHEREAS: Women of every race, ethnicity, class, gender identity, abilities, and sexual orientation have made historic contributions across our cities, counties, state and nation and continue to make, significant contributions to our economic, cultural, educational, political, artistic, literary, scientific, and technological advancements, despite both historical and current inequities.
- E. WHEREAS: Multnomah County AND City of Portland voters recognize the great assets and value of women in positions of power and what they bring to the table and chose to elect an all-women Board of County Commissioners, with a majority of those women being women of color, and a city council with a majority of women, for the first time in history.
- F. WHEREAS: Multnomah County recognizes the versatility of women who believe that there are no barriers too great to overcome due to their gender whether they are educating our youth, caring for the ill, active members of our military, elected officials, working in the field or starting businesses.
- G. WHEREAS: Multnomah County acknowledges the substantial work by women throughout history that has never been calculated or valued with traditional economic measurements; contributing to the hardships women have faced in the workforce.
- H. WHEREAS: across the Country women make up about 43.1% of the overall workforce, but earn less on average making only 80.5 cents on the dollar to their male counterparts, with women of color on average earning even less, demonstrating the burden of both sexism and racism.
- I. WHEREAS: Multnomah County Departments engage with a number of stakeholders and organizations to support awareness-building and further the accomplishments made by women in the County, City and State of Oregon.
- J. WHEREAS: Multnomah County further recognizes the efforts of organizations within the County that are committed to improving the quality of life for women through advocacy, creating safe living environments, community engagement, outreach and inclusion.
- K. WHEREAS: Multnomah County recognizes during this month of celebrating women and the glass ceilings they continue to shatter in Oregon, that there is still work to be done. Multnomah County is dedicated to lifting women of every race, ethnicity, class, gender identity, abilities, and sexual orientation up to ensure that the pursuit of equity between genders does not falter until it is achieved and sustained.

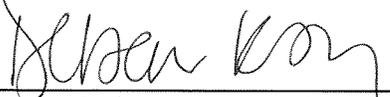
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

March 2019 as Women's History Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the contributions of women to our community.

ADOPTED this 21st day of March, 2019.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, District 3**