



City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Mayoral Proclamation

Proclaiming March as Women's History Month

- WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our communities in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and
- WHEREAS, in shattering glass ceilings, overcoming discrimination, harassment and hardship, women have been bold and fearless and thereby widening the circle of opportunities for women and girls and creating stronger, healthier communities; and
- WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life in our communities; and
- WHEREAS, women have served as leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, 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, which create a more fair and just society for all; and
- WHEREAS, women have served our country courageously in the military and were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and
- WHEREAS, far too often women's heroic efforts and their stories have gone untold – especially those of the millions of Black women, immigrant women, Indigenous women and others from diverse communities who have strengthened our communities across generations; and
- WHEREAS, in remembering the trailblazers of the past and the heroines of present day, we honor their legacies by carrying forward the valuable lessons learned from the powerful examples they set; and
- WHEREAS, women have long advocated for compassionate treatments and new directions in public health and in women's mental and physical health. Women have historically led the way in mending divisions, healing wounds, and finding peaceful solutions; and
- WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," honors the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also recognizes women of all cultures who have provided both healing and hope throughout history; and
- WHEREAS, this year's theme honors those who, in both public and private life, provide healing and promote hope for the betterment of all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Stewart, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as "Women 's History Month" in the City of Takoma Park, and I urge all residents to join me in this special observance celebrating the contributions that women have given to society throughout history.

Proclaimed this 2nd day of March, 2022.



Kate Stewart
Mayor