

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Women’s History Month’s theme for 2024 celebrates “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion,” which focuses on the elimination of bias and discrimination from our lives and institutions; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, religion, sexuality, national origin, educational level, age, gender identity and expression, disability, familial status, military status, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation, state, and the City of Vancouver in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, 104 years ago, the women before us led the fight for the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which states – “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex,” but recognize that not all women were given the right to vote that day. To amplify the theme of Women’s History Month for 2024, we acknowledge that bias and discrimination of people of color played an active role in the marginalization of all women gaining the right to vote before 1965; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters, celebrating its founding in the same year with the purpose of empowering voters and defending democracy, joins Vancouver in proclaiming that fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access and belonging for all people is an essential human right; and

WHEREAS, women are instrumental, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the Abolitionist Movement, the Industrial Labor Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Environmental Movement, the Peace Movement, LGBTQ2S+ Rights, the #metoo and Black Lives Matter Movements, and many other movements that create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of truthful recounts of history by our educators, community elders and institutions, to pass justice and equity through awareness and education to our youth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver and the League of Women Voters continue to work towards becoming an inclusive and just community in which all community members are respected and recognized for their real and potential contributions to our community, state, country, and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of March as:

“ Women’s History Month”

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor this observance with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 11th day of March 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR