

# PROCLAMATION

## MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

**WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the United States in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social roles in every sphere of life of the United States by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, American women continue to complete the majority of uncompensated domestic work; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have been leaders, 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, especially the peace movement, all of which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, a Montana woman, Jeannette Rankin, was the first woman elected to the United States House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Missoula County became the first in the United States to vote for an all-female commission in 1985 when Barbara Evans, Ann Mary Dussault and Janet Stevens served on the board; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these many contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked, undervalued and omitted in the literature, teaching and study of American history.


**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, and Andrea Davis, mayor of the City of Missoula, do hereby recognize the month of March 2024, as

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

and invite all citizens to observe this month and to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2024, with programs, ceremonies and activities; and to visit [www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov](http://www.WomensHistoryMonth.gov) and [MontanaWomensHistory.org](http://MontanaWomensHistory.org) to learn more about the vital contribution of women to our country and state's history.

**DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH 2024**

CITY OF MISSOULA




Andrea Davis, Mayor

COUNTY OF MISSOULA



Dave Strohmaier, Chair

  
Josh Slotnick, Commissioner  
Juanita Vero, Commissioner