



# PROCLAMATION

## Women's History Month

**WHEREAS**, the first ever Women's History Week was celebrated in 1978, and March 8<sup>th</sup>, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, President Carter declared the week of March 8 National Women's History Week and seven years later in 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 1972, Washington voters approved article XXXI to the state constitution which provides that legal rights and responsibilities shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex; and

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

**WHEREAS**, women play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life, constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working both inside and outside of the home, historically providing the majority of the volunteer labor force, establishing many of the early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation, and courageously serving our country in all branches of military; and

**WHEREAS**, women served as early 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, the peace movement, and others, all which create a more fair and just society for all; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mason Thompson, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as "Women's History Month" in the City of Bothell and join in honoring and celebrating all women by recognizing their perseverance, contributions, and vitalness to our community and our country.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

*Mason Thompson*

Mason Thompson (Mar 24, 2022 15:02 PDT)

Mason Thompson, Mayor