



## *Proclamation*

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

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

**WHEREAS**, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions and provide the majority of the volunteer labor force; 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 in not only securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also that of the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, among others, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the National Women's History Project and National Women's History Month began here in the City of Santa Rosa and we are proud to recognize 36 years of work on behalf of equality for all Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize that March is designated as

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



Mayor John Sawyer

March 8, 2016