

# Proclamation



## PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE CONQUESTS AND TRIUMPHS OF THESE TRAILBLAZERS IN TRANSFORMING OPPRESSION INTO EQUALITY, JUSTICE, AND PROGRESSION

**WHEREAS**, Throughout history, generations of brave and relentless women have used wisdom, artistry, cultural work, resistance, love, and activism to define and purpose democracy. Countless women, young and old, have fought monumental battles in the household, workforce, and beyond in the name of equality. This month, we take the time to honor and celebrate the profound legacy of these trailblazers. The conquests and triumphs they secured through their commitment to expelling yesterday's oppression is reflective of today's equality and progression; and

**WHEREAS**, The roots of National Women's History Month predate to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories protested and fought against cruel working conditions. New York City also became the epicenter for the inaugural Women's Day Celebration in 1909. From 1909, there have been sporadic events that celebrated women's history. 1975 was declared as International Women's Year by the United Nations, and many countries began celebrating International Women's Day on March 8. In 1981, Congress officially established National Women's History Week and expanded it to a month in 1987. Through the petition of the National Women's History Project, March was thus designated as Women's History Month; and

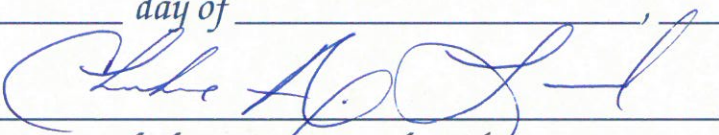
**WHEREAS**, The torch for equality carried by our women ancestors burns even brighter today, as women across our nation continue to fight for justice. The emphasis on equal pay for equal work resonates among the masses, as we continue to break the barriers of discrimination and shatter the glass ceilings placed above us. Today, more women and girls are becoming the sole breadwinners, cultural creators and nurturers of their families, and women make up more than half of our nation's skilled workforce, strengthening our families and improving our economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim March as

### NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Jackson. I honor the powerful and courageous women who despite the barriers of systemic discrimination placed before them, continue to forge along to raise their children, support families, and build communities and nations. The unwavering commitment of women to shatter the glass ceilings above them serves as a testament to the strength and endurance of these pioneers. I also celebrate the many victories and triumphs women have accomplished in the workplace to rise above discriminatory practices and unfair pay. Although the gap for promising opportunities for women has been broadened, the fight and march for gender equality and justice perseveres on. Together, we must remain persistent in the name of equality, not just for ourselves, but for the beautiful and promising dreams of our daughters, granddaughters, and the generations of girls to come.

*Given under my hand and seal of the City of Jackson, Mississippi,*

the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018  
  
Chokwe A. Lumumba, Mayor