



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

In the Matter of Proclaiming March 2024 as)
Women’s History Month in Benton County) **Proclamation No. P2024-003**

Women’s History Month is a celebration of the invaluable contributions made by women to American history, culture, and society.

President Carter was the first to proclaim National Women’s History Week in 1980, celebrated the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women’s Day. Women’s History Month was designated by Congress in 1987 and has been observed annually throughout the month of March in the United States, serving as a time for recognition, reflection, and appreciation.

Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life – science, community, government, literature, art, sports, medicine – has a huge impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women. We seek to elevate positive role models for women, by highlighting the stories of our foremothers, the challenges they faced, and the accomplishments they have achieved.

The theme designated by the National Women's History Alliance for the 2024 observation is “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.” Women play a pivotal role in promoting fairness, embracing diversity, and fostering inclusivity in our communities and institutions. Many feel the critical need to speak up and work harder for fairness in our institutions, economy, and social interactions.

We celebrate women who lead by example through their commitment to embrace everyone and exclude no one in our common quest for freedom and opportunity. Locally, we celebrate the accomplishments and leadership of historical figures such as Leticia Carson and Governor Barbara Roberts, our own Annabelle Jaramillo and the first woman of color President of Oregon State University, Dr. Jayathi Murthy.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED March 2024 as Women's History Month. Let us take this opportunity to celebrate the remarkable contributions of women throughout history and to reaffirm our commitment to achieving gender equality, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of our society.

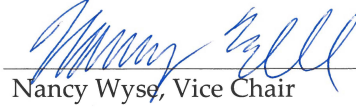
Adopted this 5th day of March, 2024.

Signed this 5th day of March, 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF
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