



PROCLAMATION

From the Office of the Mayor

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN APEX - MARCH 2020

Whereas, in the United States of America, Women's History Month traces back to the first International Women's Day in 1911 and was extended to Women's History Week in 1978; and

Whereas, Sarah Lawrence College, the Women's Action Alliance and the Smithsonian Institution collaborated to host the first women's history conference in 1979 over fifteen days; and

Whereas, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a proclamation declaring National Women's History Week, stating "from the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed"; and

Whereas, that a year later Congress provided bipartisan support and in 1987 went further to extend the Week to Women's History Month; and

Whereas, the United States of America has recognized March as Women's History Month since 1988; and

Whereas, the theme of 2019 is Valiant Women of the Vote in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote; and

Whereas, the state of North Carolina has recognized March as Women's History Month; and

Whereas, women of every race, ethnicity, and background have made contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

Whereas, women have historically played and continue to play a crucial economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the work force inside and outside of the home; and

Whereas, women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

Whereas, American women of every race, ethnicity, and background have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of freedom, suffrage and equal opportunity, also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair, just and inclusive society for all people; and

Whereas despite these contributions, celebration this Month acknowledges the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

Now, Therefore, I, Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor of the Town of Apex, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as Women's History Month in the Town of Apex and call upon all citizens to celebrate the numerous contributions women have made to our community, state, nation and world.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
caused the Seal of the Town of Apex, North Carolina
to be affixed this the 4th day of February 2020

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor