

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Women's History Month & International Women's Day: March 2026

The City of Columbia Heights recognizes and celebrates the invaluable contributions of women throughout history and in our community today. Women have played and continue to play vital roles in our social, economic, cultural, and political spheres, shaping the world through their leadership, resilience, and advocacy for justice and equality.

International Women's Day, celebrated annually on March 8th since the early 1900s, honors women's achievements and serves as a call to action for gender equality. It is a time to celebrate progress while acknowledging the persistent challenges women face, including the gender pay gap, underrepresentation in leadership, and violence against women.

Women's History Month, officially recognized in 1987, builds on this celebration by amplifying the voices and stories of women who have fought for suffrage, civil rights, labor protections, and social justice. Women have led movements that have shaped our country and continue to push for equity across all aspects of life. Women have paved the way for a more just society, from the early garment workers' strikes to the activism of abolitionists and labor leaders.

Historically, women have been the backbone of communities, providing essential labor inside and outside the home, volunteering in charitable organizations, and serving courageously in the military. Despite systemic barriers, women of all races, cultures, gender identities, and socioeconomic backgrounds have made lasting contributions to our nation's progress.

The City of Columbia Heights is proud to honor women's history and achievements and reaffirm our commitment to gender equity and inclusion. We encourage all residents to celebrate the contributions of women, uplift their voices, and continue the work toward a future where everyone has equal opportunities to thrive. Let us honor the women of the past, support the women of today, and empower the women of the future. Together, we build a more just and equitable world for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim March 2026 as **Women's History Month** and March 8, 2026, as **International Women's Day** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
March 9, 2026