



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 5832
March 16, 2021
Consent Calendar**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5832: Women’s History Month Proclamation No. 263	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Mayor Wong proclaims March 2021 Women’s History Month in Mercer Island	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager Deborah Estrada, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 263
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

SUMMARY

Since 1987, when the US Congress designated March as **National Women’s History Month**, the month is set aside to honor women’s contributions in American history. This creates a special opportunity in our schools, our workplaces, and our communities to recognize and celebrate the often-overlooked achievements of American women. Since many of the women’s suffrage centennial celebrations originally scheduled for 2020 were curtailed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2020 National Women’s History theme “*Valiant Women of the Vote*” was extended for 2021 to “*Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced*”.

The 2021 theme celebrates the women who fought for a woman’s right to vote in the United States and who have continued the struggle (fighting against poll taxes, literacy tests, voter roll purges, and other more contemporary forms of voter suppression) to ensure voting rights for all.

International Women's Day (IWD), marked annually on March 8, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievement of women and provides an important moment to raise awareness about women’s equality, lobby for accelerated gender parity, and much more. This year’s theme is #ChooseToChallenge. IWD’s message is, “A challenged world is an alert world. Individually we’re all responsible for our own thoughts and actions – all day, every day. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world.”

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