

## Proclamation DECLARING MARCH 2024 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Whereas, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social roles in our country, state and community by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and

Whereas, women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force for our country, establishing early charitable philanthropic and cultural institutions; and

Whereas, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the generations of trailblazing women and girls who have built our nation, shaped our progress, and despite hardships, exclusion an discrimination, strive and sacrifice for equity and equality in communities across our country; and

Whereas, currently there are women serving locally in leadership positions, inspiring the continued work in advancing the rights, opportunities and full participation of women and girls of all backgrounds; and

Whereas, women have served our country courageously in the military; and

Whereas, International Women's Day, March 8, 2024, is a global celebration of the social, economic cultural and political achievements of women. Each year, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the progress made towards gender equality and highlights the work that still needs to be done. This years campaign theme "Inspire Inclusion" emphasizes the importance of diversity and empowerment in all aspects of society.

Now, therefore, the City of Salida does hereby proclaim March 2024, as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH in the City of Salida.