

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater strives to promote a strong and inclusive community that recognizes and celebrates efforts to bring people together for a greater good and highlight the many threads in our fabric that make it strong and whole; and

*WHEREAS*, International Women's Day is celebrated globally on March 8th by those who believe in gender equality and who seek to improve the lives of all women, through cultural, legal, economic, and social change; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1987, and each year since, Congress has passed a resolution recognizing March as National Women's History Month. Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation, and have served our country courageously in the military; and

*WHEREAS*, women are critical to the economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home. Women have served as leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, and peace movements, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

*WHEREAS*, the National Women's History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2023 theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" and recognizes "women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media."

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, the first woman Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the month of

*March 2023*

*National Women's History Month*

and I urge people to take actions against gender bias and inequity and join me in recognizing women's contributions to culture, history and society.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year, two thousand twenty-three.



  
Debbie Sullivan  
Mayor