

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 2024 theme is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" and recognizes "women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions."

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

March 2024

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 5th day of March in the year, two thousand twenty-four.



Debbie Sullivan
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Mayor