

# City of Petaluma

## Proclamation

***WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH 2024***

**WHEREAS**, women have played a critical role in shaping the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society through their participation in the labor force, working both inside and outside the home, in leadership positions, and through creative inspiration; and

**WHEREAS**, National Women's History Month provides an opportunity for schools and communities to increase the knowledge held by our children and our community of women's roles in history and their contributions to the development of this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the story of American women is the story of women of all ages, races and cultural backgrounds who led campaigns for equality and civil rights, advanced professional and educational opportunities, founded entirely new enterprises, and contributed significantly to the arts, sciences and humanistic causes; and

**WHEREAS**, women from every background have long realized that an uneven playing field will never bring equality or justice and, as members of families, civic and community groups, businesses and legislative bodies, women are in the forefront of reevaluating the status quo; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 theme for National Women's History Month is “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion,” which directly recognizes the women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, National Women’s History Month is both a call to acknowledge outstanding women we know by name and to pay homage to the nameless women who shared our collective past; and

**WHEREAS**, Petaluma is grateful that our community is well represented by two organizations that passionately advocate for issues impacting women and provide women the space and visibility to make a difference: the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women and the Petaluma Woman’s Club, which is approaching a remarkable 130 years since it’s founding!

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with members of the Petaluma City Council, in recognition of the significant role played by women, whose courage and vision inspire hope and possibility for today’s women to make tomorrow’s history, thereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as National Women’s History Month in the City of Petaluma.

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*Kevin McDonnell, Mayor*

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*Caitlin Corley, City Clerk*