

RESOLUTION
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 2017

WHEREAS, National Women's History Week was declared in a Presidential Proclamation by President Carter in 1980 and was declared National Women's History Month by Congress in 1987 as an opportunity for us to recognize the contributions women have made to our nation, and to honor those who blazed trails for women's empowerment and equality; and

WHEREAS, countless women have steered the course of our history from reaching for the ballot box to breaking barriers in all areas of American society, from athletic fields to battlefields. American women have stood resolute in the face of adversity to realize their dreams of equality. Women continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life working inside and outside of the home, comprising 47% of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, women-owned small businesses are one of the fastest growing segments of our economy. Revenue for women-owned businesses in 2002 was \$939 billion and grew to \$1.4 trillion in 2012. Women-owned businesses employ nearly 9 million people across the country; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement including securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement; and

WHEREAS, women have served their country in the military since the Battle of Fort Washington during the American Revolution, the Civil War, both World Wars and are currently deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Marin County is proud of our local women leaders, including Rosaura De Alvarez, Marin County's Employee of the Year and founder of the National Latino Peace Officers Association, Marin Chapter, and President of the Marin County Organization of Latino Employees; and

WHEREAS, the Marin Women's Commission, created by the Board of Supervisors in 1974, focuses on issues impacting women and girls in Marin County. Current projects include the Annual Teen Girls Conference, the Marin County Coalition to End Human Trafficking, and the Aging Action Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of March 2017, as "National Women's History Month" in Marin County, recognizing the critical importance of women's contributions to the well-being of Marin County and the nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 21st day of March 2017.

JUDY ARNOLD - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5 - PRESIDENT

