

City of Vancouver, Washington **Proclamation**

- WHEREAS, the National Women's History Month theme for 2025 "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations" celebrates the history of women in Southwest Washington, abundant with inspiring stories of the contributions of women educators, mentors and leaders; and
- WHEREAS, We mark the unheralded legacies of women leaders from every walk of life, highlighting their unique contributions and diverse backgrounds, including socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, culture, abilities, and personal experiences, who made a consequential impact on the City of Vancouver; and
- WHEREAS, We celebrate women who lead by example, demonstrating a commitment to uniting and elevating others, embracing diversity of thought by valuing the ideas and viewpoints of others; and
- WHEREAS, This theme brings together communities and organizations that champion heritage and history, preservation and educational institutions, advocacy groups and civil rights and so many others, to proclaim women's power to tell their own stories—the stories of women's own experiences in American democracy; and
- WHEREAS, We envision a blueprint for the future that honors our foremothers and builds bridges for the next generation of women through mentoring and example, to inspire and motivate all generations of women to pursue education and leadership roles in our common quest for liberty, equity, and justice for all people; and
- WHEREAS, Reshaping the reality of past discrimination requires a steady drumbeat to declare all women are important members of our democracy, and their priorities and perspectives must be heard and addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of March as:

"Women's History Month"

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor this observance with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 3rd day of March 2025.

Anne McEnery-Ogle

ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR