

City of Albany

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH & INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY March 2025

WHEREAS, March was designated as Women's History Month in 1987, by Congressional Resolution; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played—and continue to play—critical roles in every aspect of American life, including the economy, culture, and society, contributing to the workforce both inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women were essential in the founding of many charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions, and have long been the primary volunteer labor force in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, women have been at the forefront of the fight for equal rights, as abolitionists, suffragists, civil rights leaders, labor activists, and peace and antiwar advocates; and

WHEREAS, American women serve our country courageously in the military and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, American women serve as role models and leaders in the field of sports and athletics; and

WHEREAS, women have opened the doors of opportunity for future generations to become leaders in all fields, including professional, political and community service; and

WHEREAS, women continue to lead efforts advocating for reproductive rights, racial and human rights justice, and LGBTQI+ equality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany recognizes all transgender women in our community and throughout the world and acknowledge they face systemic barriers to freedom and equality. We pledge to work toward eliminating violence and discrimination based on gender identity; and

WHEREAS, women in Albany played a prominent role in our history; protesting Berkeley’s garbage dumping, which led to the incorporation of the City of Ocean View in 1908; and

WHEREAS, women have held countless professional and volunteer leadership roles in both the City of Albany and the Albany Unified School District, providing immeasurable hours of service; and

WHEREAS, women own and hold management roles in many independent businesses in Albany, increasing the vitality and commerce in our community, while bringing unique perspectives, fostering innovation, and creating jobs; and

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity to recognize and honor the fourteen women who have served as Mayor and City Council Members of Albany, and we thank them for their dedicated service: Kathe Zahn, Joyce Jackson, Ruth Ganong, Thelma Rubin, Elizabeth Baker, Peggy Thomsen, Jewel Okawachi, Marge Atkinson, Joanne Wile, Peggy McQuaid, Rochelle Nason, Ge’Nell Gary, Anne Rotramel Haden, and Jennifer Hansen-Romero.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Albany City Council hereby recognizes March 2025 as Women’s History Month and Saturday, March 8, 2025 as International Women’s Day in the City of Albany.

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ROBIN D. LÓPEZ, MAYOR