



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024  
AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"**

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

**WHEREAS**, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby designate March as "Women's History Month," and call upon the residents of Arroyo Grande to observe Women's History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**

