



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

### *Proclaiming and Recognizing March as Women's History Month*

**Whereas**, the recognition of women's achievements started with International Women's Day, observed for the first time on March 8, 1911; and

**Whereas**, then in 1978, Sonoma County, CA held a "Women's History Week" celebration to correspond with International Women's Day; and

**Whereas**, the movement soon spread across the country, and in 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring National Women's History Week; and

**Whereas**, The Women's History Month theme for 2023 is Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories; and

**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;

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

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

**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; and

**Whereas**, The 2023 theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I**, Mayor Neysa Hinton, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, do hereby proclaim March as Women's History Month in the City of Sebastopol and is a time to both confront the ongoing injustices that plague women around the world and an invitation to celebrate and rejoice in our shared humanity as women.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand on the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

Mayor Neysa Hinton