



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Proclamation Naming March as Women's History Month

Report in Brief

The City Council is asked to Proclaim March 2010 as Women's History Month, themed "Writing Women Back into History".

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring March 2010 as Women's History Month.

Background

The Council has shown their support for Women's History Month for fourteen years via issuance of a Proclamation in each of those years. This is the opportunity for the Council to recognize women who have helped shape the local, regional, state and national issues in the areas of politics, education, business, volunteer organizations and community involvement.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Proclamation declaring March 2010 as Women's History Month.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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DECLARING MARCH 2010 "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" FOR "WRITING WOMEN BACK INTO HISTORY"

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, religious and ethnic background have made significant contributions to the growth and strength of this country; and

WHEREAS, American women have and will continue to play a critical role in the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our society by representing a considerable portion of both the paid and volunteer labor force inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, historically, American women were the pioneers in establishing charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions and served as early leaders in the forefront of every progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have changed America by not only securing voting rights for women, but in advocating for civil rights, women's health issues, legal rights of battered women, and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the pursuit for women's equality has had a profound and undeniable influence on all aspects of American life; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2010 and the 30th anniversary of the Women's History Month celebration –"Writing Women Back Into History"—honors the tireless work of thousands of individuals, organizations, and institutions to write women back into history; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do; and this perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience; and

WHEREAS, often the history of women has seemed to have been written in invisible ink, and when the Women's History Month celebrations began in the early eighties the topic of women's history was limited to college curricula, and even there it languished; and at that time, less than 3% of the content of teacher training textbooks mentioned the contributions of women and when included, women were usually written in as mere footnotes; and women of color and women in fields such as math, science, and art were completely omitted; and this limited inclusion of women's accomplishments deprived students of viable female role models; and even today, when recognized in their own times, women are frequently left out of the history books.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland proclaims the month of March 2010 as Women's History Month in the City, inviting all citizens to join them in recognizing the 30th anniversary celebration of Women's History Month and its theme of "Writing Women Back Into History, encouraging all to help ensure that women do not find themselves once again written out of our history.

Dated February 16, 2010

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Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member