

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 22

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 2022 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women's History Month was first recognized in 1987 by Congress and enacted by the President Ronald Reagan after years of lobbying by the National Women's History Project; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 important movements; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge, skills, and abilities of women contribute to a more robust workforce and a more prosperous economy;

WHEREAS, many local women have contributed greatly to the success of Colorado Springs and we are delighted to recognize just a few of these visionary leaders who are great examples of kindness, leadership, resilience, and courage:

Doctors Emma Woorow and Mary Riggs Noble and Registered Nurse, Florence Standish, all contributed greatly to public health of Colorado Springs. Their contributions are numerous, and they led the way to Colorado Springs' reputation for health and being known as the City of Sunshine.

Ms. Gretchen McRae was a civil rights activist and the first African American woman to run for City Council in Colorado Springs.

Vera Gang Scott was the second African American school teacher hired in Colorado Springs, the first African American social worker in the city, and the first African American school Principal to the city, serving School District 11.

Margaret "Marge" Manuelito Manzanares Vasquez was an entrepreneur and community advocate and Colorado Springs' first Latina Councilmember.

Ms. Helen Hunt-Jackson was an accomplished author and civil rights activist who wrote and worked feverishly for American Indian rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council recognizes March 2022 as Women's History Month and urges all citizens to observe this month and to celebrate with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate women in our history.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk