

Proclamation

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 2021

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

WHEREAS, 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, Many local women have contributed greatly to the success of Colorado Springs and as this our city's 150th anniversary, it is fitting to recognize just a few of these visionary leaders who are great examples of kindness, resilience, and courage:

Drs. 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.

Ms. Helen Hunt-Jackson was an accomplished author and civil rights activist who wrote and fought for native-Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2021 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and urge all citizens to observe this month and to celebrate with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this ninth day of March, 2021.



Richard Skorman, President
Colorado Springs City Council