

# Proclamation

## WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH MARCH 2025

**WHEREAS,** Women's History Month was first recognized in 1987 by Congress and enacted by the President Ronald Reagan; and

**WHEREAS,** Women have played an integral role in shaping our nation, our state, and our city, making historic contributions in every field, including business, science, education, government, the arts, and community leadership; and

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

Doctors Emma Woodrow and Mary Riggs Noble and Registered Nurse, Florence Standish, all contributed greatly to public health of Colorado Springs.

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.

Nancy Lewis served Colorado Springs for 27 years, was the City's first female Director of Parks and Recreation and was instrumental in the revitalization of Garden of the Gods Park including a new Master Plan and Visitor Center. The park now attracts millions of visitors annually.

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.

**WHEREAS,** the contributions of women in Colorado Springs—past and present—have enriched our community and helped shape our city into a more welcoming and prosperous place for all; and

**WHEREAS,** this month, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that all women and girls have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Randy Helms, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, and I, Blessing “Yemi” Mobolade, Mayor of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

## WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

Randy Helms, President  
Colorado Springs City Council

Blessing “Yemi” Mobolade, Mayor  
City of Colorado Springs