

Coconino County Proclamation

Designating March 2023 as Women's History Month

WHEREAS, women of every age, race, status, ethnicity and economic background have made historic and significant contributions to the growth and strength of our state and county, in countless noted and unnoted ways; and,

WHEREAS, Coconino County seeks to commend the distinguished accomplishments of women in our state, and country, both past and present who have worked with vision and determination toward the progress of our citizens and communities; and,

WHEREAS, Coconino County is proud to join the nation's celebration of Women's History Month and the 2023 theme "*Celebrating Women who Tell our Stories*" which is a tribute and recognition of women, past and present who have been active on all forms of media telling stories that have significantly impacted our communities in areas of social justice, labor rights, gender, human and political rights; and,

WHEREAS, Coconino County is committed to creating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity and ensures all residents have equitable opportunities to lead healthy, peaceful, safe and sustainable lives; and,

WHEREAS, whether serving in elected positions, leading groundbreaking civil rights movements, venturing into unknown frontiers, or programing revolutionary technologies, generations of women that knew their gender was no obstacle to what they could accomplish have long stirred new ideas and opened new doors having a profound and positive impact on our community; and,

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social roles in every sphere of life by representing a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and,

WHEREAS, women have served our nation daringly in the military; and,

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist, emancipation, labor, civil rights, justice and other movements; and,

WHEREAS, women are matriarchs, centers of families, keepers of traditions, founts of wisdom, sources of resilience, teachers of culture, conservators of ancestral teachings, compassionate caregivers, grounding forces, powerful advocates, and heads of clans; and,

WHEREAS, we pause to pay tribute to the women who strengthen our community through their dedication, innovation, and expertise; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 7th day of March 2023, the Coconino County board of supervisors does hereby proclaim March 2023 as Women's History Month in a special recognition of the contribution of women from all walks of life to the advancement of and development of our County, State, and Nation.

Signed and sealed this 7th Day of March 2023
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