

Proclamation

West County Wastewater District Board of Directors

RECOGNITION OF MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH "VALIANT WOMEN OF THE VOTE - REFUSING TO BE SILENCED"

WHEREAS, Women's History Month, which traces its origins back to the first International Women's Day in 1911, is observed annually and is a time to reflect on the extraordinary achievements and struggles of women, honor their role in shaping the course of U.S. history, and to respect those who tirelessly and courageously blazed trails for women's empowerment and equality; and

WHEREAS, since 1911, momentum for having a dedicated platform for recognizing women whether in the form of a day or week, continued to grow nationwide and was centered on the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8; and in February, 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of Mar 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week, stating: "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed"; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution, Public Law 97-28, that authorized and requested the President of the United States to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as "Women's History Week", and continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as Women's History Week, spurring schools and libraries to have their own celebrations, resulting in 14 states declaring March as Women's History Month by 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned legislators to designate the month of March, 1987, as Women's History Month, leading the passage of Public Law 100-9 by the U.S. Congress designating the month of March, 1987, as "Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, every U.S President has issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution has played an important role in advancing the right of all women, and 2020 celebrated the 100th anniversary of its ratification; and

WHEREAS, the fact that today women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers reminds us that we all follow in the footsteps of these resolute American suffragists; and

WHEREAS, with this year's theme of "Valiant Women of the Vote - Refusing to be Silenced" celebrates the women who have fought for woman's right to vote in the United States and recognizes the centennial of the 19th amendment, to honor women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st century women who have continued the struggle (fighting against poll taxes, literacy test, voter roll purges, and other more contemporary forms of voter suppression) to ensure voting rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the West County Wastewater District hereby proclaim March as Women's History Month and encourages all constituents and visitors alike to join us in celebrating this special month.

Dated: January 13, 2021

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Cheryl Sudduth, President

/s/Cesar Zepeda
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/s/David Alvarado
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