



AGENDA REPORT

Mayor's Office

DATE:	March 1, 2022
TO:	Members of the City Council
FROM:	Tom Butt, Mayor
Subject:	Women's History Month – March 2022
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	N/A
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	N/A
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	In 1978, the school district of Sonoma, California recognized Women's History Week to highlight the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation recognizing Women's History Week, which was followed by the United States Congress recognizing Women's History Week in 1981 and Women's History Month in 1987.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	PROCLAMATION declaring March 2022 as Women's History Month in the City of Richmond – Mayor's Office (Mayor Tom Butt 510-620-6503).

DISCUSSION:

The history of women in Richmond is one of steadfast determination, resilience, and perseverance, including the critical role women have played in the development of our society from contributions during World War II on the Home Front to current leadership roles in the public sector, nonprofits, and local business.

The City of Richmond is proud of the many women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs that contribute to the health and success of our local communities by creating job opportunities for residents, supporting community initiatives, demonstrating effective leadership, excelling in male-dominated industries, and helping revitalize our economy. The City of Richmond recognizes the leadership efforts made by women of all ages who work tirelessly to advance gender equity, promote safety, and improve the quality of life for all people who live, work, and play in our city. The City of Richmond support efforts that honor the indispensable contributions of women to our culture, economy, history, and heritage.

March 8, 2022 is International Women's Day, with the theme: "Breaking the Bias," and for the 15th annual celebration, the City of Richmond and Sisters in Solidarity are asking community members and organizations to post pictures of themselves striking the 2022 pose (crossing your arms) with the hashtags #IWD2022, #BreakTheBias, and #SIS2022.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Proclamation declaring March 2022 as Women's History Month in the City of Richmond