

CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

Declaring March 2022 as Women's History Month

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council does hereby declare March 2022 as **Women's History Month** in the City of Richmond and supports efforts honoring the indispensable contributions of women to our culture, economy, history, and heritage.

Mayor Tom Butt
City of Richmond, California
March 1, 2022