

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Women's History Month celebrates the diverse achievements and contributions of women throughout history, reminding all Chicagoans of the remarkable accomplishments of women across diverse fields, including politics, science, literature, and activism; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month coincides with the March 8 observance of International Women's Day, a historic day rooted in the activism of the labor and suffrage movements in North America and Europe during the early twentieth century, signifying a global call for gender equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, the United States has observed Women's History Month since the passage of Public Law 100-9 by Congress in 1987, officially designating March 1987 as the first Women's History Month, a tradition upheld annually through presidential proclamations since 1988; and

WHEREAS, women have been instrumental in shaping the trajectory of the nation's history as suffragists, abolitionists, civil rights leaders, labor activists, and continue to champion various causes including reproductive rights, racial justice, and LGBTQ equality; and

WHEREAS, eighteen women currently serve on the City Council, representing a diverse group of neighborhoods and communities across Chicago; and

WHEREAS, women hold key leadership positions throughout the City of Chicago, playing pivotal roles in driving economic growth, ensuring public health and safety, and advocating for social justice; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month encourages reflection on the importance of women's rights and the achievement of gender equality globally; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is a time to honor the resilience, leadership, and enduring impact of women past, present, and future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twentieth day of March, 2024, do hereby reaffirm our prior designation of March as Women's History Month in Chicago, and encourage all Chicagoans to acknowledge the contributions of women to the vibrant culture, identity, and history of our great City.