



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Women's History Month was first observed in 1981 and is now recognized worldwide, to celebrate women's achievement and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, thousands of women, named and unnamed, have laid the foundation for New Jersey's robust economic, cultural, social, and business environment; and

- Lenape women were the first and majority population in this land now known as New Jersey;
- Mary Ludwig Hays, known as Molly Pitcher, valiantly fought for the Continental Army in the Battle of Monmouth;
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton, women's activist and abolitionist, created the National Woman Suffrage Association in 1869 in Tenaflly;
- Alberta Gonzalez immigrated to Mullica Hill from Puerto Rico in 1950 and advocated for improved working and living conditions for migrant workers;
- After relocating to Upper Deerfield at the end of WWII, Mary Yamashita Nagao became an advocate for workers' rights and a union representative;
- Sara Vaughan from Newark, was an American jazz singer and recipient of four Grammy Awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award;
- Judy Blume, from Elizabeth, is a novelist, young adult author, and the voice of a generation;
- Marion Johnson, a professor at Branford Hall in Jersey City, is the mathematician responsible for launching John Glenn and Neil Armstrong to the moon;

WHEREAS, generations of women of all backgrounds, political and religious persuasions and economic circumstances have made essential contributions to enhancing their communities; and

WHEREAS, women today are advancing and succeeding in their chosen fields and act as role models in leadership through participation in community, county and state activities, paving the way for future women leaders to build upon; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Division on Women, in the state Department of Children and Families, continues to highlight and advance women's issues in this state; and

WHEREAS, by focusing programming and services on empowering young girls, New Jersey is investing in and preparing new generations of women to thrive; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey was the first state in the nation to undertake a comprehensive survey of women's historic sites, resulting in the establishment of the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail, using historic locations to tell the collective story of women who have contributed to the agricultural, industrial, labor, cultural, and domestic advances of the state; and

WHEREAS, on International Women's Day - March 8 - and all throughout the month of March, communities across the globe, the country, and here in New Jersey, join in honoring previous and current achievements made by women;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MARCH 2023
AS
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-second day of February in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

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