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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### PROCLAMATION

#### Women's History Month – March 2020

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military;

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, women have played a notable role in the development of the Milton community including those involved in the Ladies Club of Milton Junction, also known as The Fortnightly Club, which established the first public library in 1906 when the group purchased \$10 worth of books to be used as the beginnings of a public collection; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of American history:



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NOW THEREFORE, I, Anissa M. Welch Mayor of the City of Milton, County of Rock, State of Wisconsin do hereby designate March as “Women’s History Month. And encourage the celebration and recognition of this month throughout the City of Milton.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Mayor Anissa M. Welch

Attest:

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Leanne Schroeder, City Clerk