

# PROCLAMATION

## MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

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

**WHEREAS**, American women have played—and continue to play—critical economic, cultural and social roles in every sphere of life of the United States, constituting a significant portion of the labor force both inside and outside the home; and

**WHEREAS**, American women continue to perform the majority of uncompensated domestic work; and

**WHEREAS**, American women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force; and

**WHEREAS**, American women were instrumental in establishing early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have been at the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Missoula's own Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Missoula County made history in 1985 as the first in the nation to elect an all-female commission, with Barbara Evans, Ann Mary Dussault and Janet Stevens serving on the board; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these many contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked, undervalued and omitted from literature, teaching and the study of American history.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, and Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, do hereby recognize the month of March 2026, as

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

and invite all residents to observe this month and to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2026, through programs, ceremonies and activities; and to visit [WomensHistoryMonth.gov](http://WomensHistoryMonth.gov) and [MontanaWomensHistory.org](http://MontanaWomensHistory.org) to learn more about the vital contributions of women to our country and state's history.

**DATED THIS 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2026**

CITY OF MISSOULA



Andrea Davis, Mayor

COUNTY OF MISSOULA



Josh Sletnick, Chair



David Strohmaier, Commissioner



Juanita Vero, Commissioner

