

# Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

## Declaring March as Women’s History Month and March 8<sup>th</sup> as International Women’s Day

**WHEREAS**, Congress declared March as Women’s History Month in 1987, and International Women’s Day has been observed since the early 1900s; and

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made meaningful contributions to the growth and strength of our San Leandro community and to the United States at large in countless ways;

**WHEREAS**, women have been leaders in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, as well as in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement, which creates a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of the 2022 International Women’s Day is #BreakTheBias to encourage people to help forge women’s equality; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, women are still deeply vulnerable to injustices in the workplace, in our community and in our homes, and many women still struggle to earn equal pay, have their voice recognized as equal, and live free of abuse and sexual harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, while women in San Leandro have proven to be vital to the sustainability and growth of this city, many women are still vulnerable to oppression. The City of San Leandro is committed to supporting policies and programs that uplift and improve the lives of all women in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as “**Women’s History Month**” and March 8, 2022, as “**International Women’s Day**” in the City of San Leandro, and encourage all community members to observe this important month and to celebrate International Women’s Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

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