



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, since 1987, the month of March has been nationally designated as Women's History Month, and New York State joins in celebrating and recognizing extraordinary women of all backgrounds who have made immeasurable contributions to our state and nation through their achievements, success, and leadership in all areas of endeavor; and

Whereas, this year's Women's History Month highlights the theme, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," as the legacy of many women throughout history is carried on by women who continue to shape and influence our lives – the mothers, teachers, and mentors who pass down values, traditions, and examples of social responsibility; their strength and character are the foundation of our communities and our families, and reflect the vast potential that women have as leaders in their communities and as individuals of personal and professional accomplishment; and

Whereas, today, women fill critical roles in many areas and have devoted their lives and talents to careers in news and journalism, pursuing truth in all forms of media and broadcasting – including print, radio, television, blogs, and podcasts; we recognize women who were born here in New York State and have made a significant mark in the world of news broadcasting, publishing, and photojournalism – Margaret Bourke-White, Katharine Graham, Nancy Hicks Maynard, Dorothy Thompson, Frances Fitzgerald, Gwen Ifill, Maria Hinojosa, Gloria Steinem – and those who are inextricably connected to New York through their lifelong careers, including the late Barbara Walters, a pioneer in broadcast journalism who broke glass ceilings and opened doors for other women; and

Whereas, we likewise celebrate renowned New York women authors, the earliest facing barriers to publication and recognition for their literary ideas and abilities, inspiring future generations of women to persevere and pen great works, legendary New Yorkers such as Maya Angelou, Julia de Burgos, Nora Ephron, Lorraine Hansberry, Madeleine L'Engle, Toni Morrison, Edith Wharton, Margaret Wise Brown – all of them having a profound influence on American culture; and

Whereas, countless other women have embarked upon prolific careers as novelists and as writers of short stories, poetry, articles, essays, and works that explore contemporary life and timely issues, contributing to periodicals, magazines, journals, and literary publications; today, many women artists, songwriters, scholars, playwrights, and performers are known for their dedication to preserving our heritage in word and in print, establishing artistic and cultural institutions across our state and nation; and

Whereas, this occasion provides an opportunity to learn more about the meaningful work and accomplishments of women who have provided a voice for generations; we celebrate women across all walks of life, in all professions and organizations and groups, making a difference in every single field and earning a seat at the table after being excluded for far too long;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the Empire State and pay tribute to past and present women who enrich our lives through written and spoken words.

G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of
March in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
Karen Persichilli Keogh