

# Proclamation


*City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor*

## **In recognition of Women's History Month and International Women's Day**

- Whereas: this year, 2020, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteeing and protecting women's right to vote; and
- 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 creates a more fair and just society for all; and
- Whereas: locally, nationally, and internationally, women of every race, age, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth, stability, and strength of our communities in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and
- Whereas: a gender wage gap continues to persist for women who hold full-time jobs - on average of 79 cents for every dollar paid to men, in the State of Washington, and this gender wage gap is significantly greater for women of color; and
- Whereas: American women have served our country courageously in all branches of the military; and
- Whereas: women have played, and continue to play, critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael Nelson, Mayor of Edmonds, do hereby recognize the month of March as Women's History Month, and I call this observance and recognition to the attention of all of our citizens.

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Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ March 17, 2020