## PROCLAMATION Women's History Month

WHEREAS, the month of March was selected as Women's History Month to coincide with the United Nations' sponsorship of International Women's Day on March 8th as a time to commemorate women's rights and peace; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and ability have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our state and nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have influenced and advanced every facet of American life and culture. The strength, ingenuity, and spirit of our female leaders, innovators, and pioneers shape our Nation's character, government, industry, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, women have significantly influenced public policy and contributed to the building of viable institutions and organizations that continue to support our communities today and the knowledge, skills, and abilities of women contribute to a more robust workforce and a more prosperous economy; and

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

WHEREAS, in remembering the trailblazers of the past and the heroines of present day, we honor their legacies by carrying forward the valuable lessons learned from the powerful examples they set; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the countless accomplishments of local women within our community who teach our children, care for our sick, serve in our military, start businesses, serve in elected positions, or venture into unknown frontiers. Generations of women have had to overcome obstacles put in the way of their achievement and we reaffirm our commitment to supporting the next generation of female trailblazers and dreamers as they carry forward this distinguished legacy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Redlands hereby proclaims the month of March 2023 as Women's History Month, and hereby encourages its residents to learn more about the rich and diverse history of women through available programs, reading, ceremonies, and educational activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

Eddie Tejeda, Mayor

Attest:

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk