

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, women have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of this state, county and municipality in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, women have played, and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working inside and outside of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority of our volunteer labor force; and were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive movement to improve society; and

**WHEREAS**, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the environmental justice movement, and other social justice campaigns, especially the peace movement, creating a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these contributions, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in literature and in the teaching and study of history; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the contributions of women, Congress has passed a resolution each year since 1987, designating the month of March as "Women's History Month"; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of Women's History Month in 2017 is "*Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business*" and the month of March presents special opportunities to celebrate the wisdom and tenacity of generations of women who have come before us and those who will follow, and to acknowledge the courage, determination, and steadfastness needed to move history forward. 2017 is also the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's History Movement and the National Women's History Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2017, as

## "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"

in the City of Margate and call upon all residents to observe this by participating in programs, ceremonies and activities to foster an awareness of and appreciation for the contributions made by women which have benefited and improved society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.



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**TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Lesa Peerman, Commissioner Joanne Simone