

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, in March 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring Women's History Week to align with International Women's Day (March 8th) which has been recognized across the world since March 1911; and

WHEREAS, the following year, on August 4, 1981, the U.S. Congress established Women's History Week as a federally recognized commemoration of the accomplishments, perspectives, and experiences of women in the United States with a Joint Resolution; and

WHEREAS, throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating one week in March as "Women's History Week," authorizing the President to issue a proclamation urging people to celebrate the contributions of women in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, the first Women's History Month was proclaimed in March 1987 by President Ronald Reagan, with Proclamation 5619, and states,

"From the earliest times, women have helped shape our Nation. Historians today stress all that women have meant to our national life, but the rest of us too should remember, with pride and gratitude, the achievements of women throughout American history. Those achievements span the wide range of human endeavor. They have not been attained without the quiet courage and sacrifice of millions of women, some famed, most not."; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's Proclamation continued,

"Women have established themselves in business and the professions, and today women outnumber men as undergraduates at our colleges and universities.

Women have fought for moral and social reform and have taken part in and led many great social and political movements of our land.

Women have founded many of our philanthropic, cultural, educational, and charitable institutions.

Women have served our Nation with valor and distinction during wartime, nursing the wounded, piloting airplanes, performing vital jobs in defense plants.

Women have forged a place for themselves in public life, serving on the Supreme Court, in the Congress, and in Cabinet posts; becoming Ambassadors; and holding Federal Executive posts that affect the lives of every citizen."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

and call upon all Seminole County residents to honor the sacrificial service and leadership of the women in our county who joyfully serve their fellow citizens, families, businesses, charities, educational institutions, and houses of worship.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, that this Proclamation be spread upon the Official Minutes by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Seminole.

ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2025.



Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners