



SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Snohomish County, Washington

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2023 AS
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Women's Day first took place on February 28, 1909, in New York City, as a national observance to honor the one-year anniversary of the garment workers' strikes in New York; and

WHEREAS, in 1910, Washington became the fifth state to enact women's suffrage, and our state's role helped spark the campaign that resulted in the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's Week, and in 1987, Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month"; and

WHEREAS, based on current U.S. Census data, women comprise 49.5 percent of Snohomish County's population, 61 percent of the countywide adult labor force, and 34 percent of Snohomish County businesses are women-owned firms; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion, and socioeconomic background continue to make significant and historic contributions to the development and strength of our county, state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, women from diverse backgrounds have fought for equal treatment for all, recognizing that together, women have and will continue to make strides to resist discrimination and achieve equitable treatment and compensation through collaborative efforts and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme of Women's History Month is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVE SOMERS, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of March as Women's History Month in Snohomish County. All residents of and visitors to Snohomish County are encouraged to join in recognizing and celebrating the tremendous contributions that women of the past, present, and future make to county, state, national, and world history.

SIGNED this 1st day of March 2023.

Dave Somers
County Executive