



City of Auburn PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change, and have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways ; 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 created a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, three friends and neighbors in mid-nineteenth century Auburn, New York—Harriet Tubman, Frances Seward, and Martha Coffin Wright—were crucially important in their collective contributions to the abolition of slavery, the Underground Railroad, the early women’s rights movement, and the Civil War, and remain leading examples of striving toward our nation’s purpose to form a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, women have served as elected officials within the City of Auburn, the first Woman Mayor serving from 2000-2004 and five women have served as City Councilors in recent years; and

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

WHEREAS, this year’s Women’s History Theme is *Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced*. This theme captures the spirit of these challenging times. It reflects our deepening understanding and shines a light on the important roles of multicultural suffragists and voting rights activists. And ensures that these women continue to be recognized and honored for refusing to allow their voices to be silenced, even by a pandemic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn, on behalf of the members of City Council and the community of Auburn, New York hereby proclaim that March 2021 is designated as

Women’s History Month

in the City of Auburn, and encourage all of our citizens to observe **March as Women’s History Month** with appropriate programs, celebrations, ceremonies, and activities.



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Fourth day of March 2021.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York