



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Throughout history, extraordinary women have made significant contributions to the growth and strength of our state and nation in countless ways; and

WHEREAS: Through leadership, innovation, and ingenuity, generations of women have made significant contributions in science, medicine, technology, business and entrepreneurship, and arts and culture; and

WHEREAS: Today, more women are their family's primary breadwinner than ever before. Women comprise half of our nation's workers, and they are increasingly among the most skilled. The growing impact of women in our workforce has bolstered our economy and strengthened our families; and

WHEREAS: Women of every background served as early leaders in the forefront of major movements for social change; and

WHEREAS: Women have been leaders in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, and in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, and peace movements, creating a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS: Despite their contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in literature and in the teaching and study of history; and

WHEREAS: This month, we celebrate countless pioneering women and the victories they won, and we continue our work to build a society where our daughters have the same possibilities as our sons.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016, as:

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE