



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote," honoring the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day, celebrated each year during Women's History Month, is a global recognition of the important progress women have made towards equality; and

WHEREAS, let's pause as a community to pay tribute to the women who strengthen and enrich our society through civic action, devotion to family, tireless dedication to community, innovation, peace, and prosperity; and

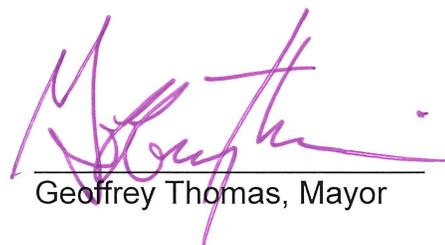
WHEREAS, within Monroe there are a wide array of women in leadership roles; and their successes, contributions, and leadership are vital to the economic growth and well-being of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby recognize the month of March 2020 as

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

and encourage Monroe's residents and businesses to learn about, and celebrate, women's history.



  
Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor