

ADDENDUM

MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

March 14, 2017

7:30 pm – REGULAR SESSION ADDENDUM

1. Read a Proclamation acknowledging March 2017 as Women's History Month.

Date: March 14, 2017

Item No: Addendum 1

Department: City Council

Issue: Read a Proclamation acknowledging March, 2017 as Women's History Month.

Summary: Since 1987, the month of March has been observed as Women's History Month. A Proclamation is attached acknowledging this and bringing awareness to the significance of the contributions women have made in our society.

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: No action by Council needed - the Mayor will read the Proclamation.



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MARCH, 2017 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE

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 have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the 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 of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women 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 movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military; 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 create a more fair and just society for all; 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Teague, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2017 as Women's History Month in the City of Martinsville and we urge all citizens to join in celebrating the contributions women have made to our society.

Gene Teague, Mayor