CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

"Women's History Month"

WHEREAS, In 1987, Congress approved a resolution proclaiming March to be Women's History Month at the request of the National Women's History Project; and

WHEREAS, In the month of March we celebrate and pay tribute to the remarkable women who paved the way for gender equality and female empowerment and who continue to make a lasting change; and

WHEREAS, The women of history have shown exemplary leadership through the fight for women's suffrage and equal opportunity through the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor and civil rights movements; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race and class have made historic contributions to the growth and stability of our nation and continue to play a critical role in our economic, cultural, and social spheres; and

WHEREAS, Women constitute 45% of the U.S. labor force and contribute \$7.6 trillion to the nation's GDP annually and who give the City of Fresno hope for the future as they make up over half of our degree earning college student population; and

WHEREAS, This month, we honor and celebrate women of the past, present, and future, whose contributions have shaped our city, state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby recognize the generations of powerful and influential women in our nation and do proclaim March 2019 to be:

"Women's History Month"

in the City of Fresno

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 14th day of March, 2019.

| LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor | ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1 |
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| STEVE BRANDAU, Council President, District 2 | MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice-President, District 3 |
| PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Councilmember, District 4 | LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember, District 5 |
| GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember, District 6 | NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember, District 7 |