



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
March 2018**

*WHEREAS, women of every age, race, ethnicity, and economic background have made historic and significant contributions to the growth and strength of our Commonwealth; and*

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania seeks to extol the distinguished accomplishments of women in the Commonwealth, both past and present, who have worked with vision and determination toward the progress of our citizens and communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Women's History Month is "Nevertheless She Persisted"; and*

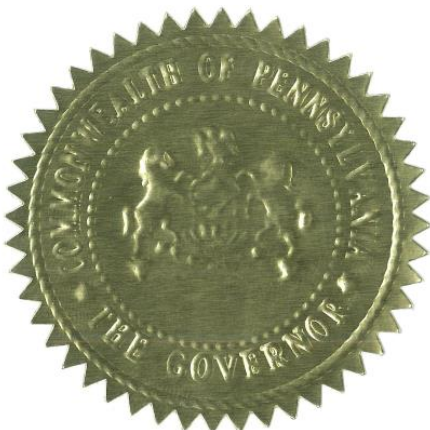
*WHEREAS, during the Revolutionary War, Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley and Margaret Cochran Corbin fought in battles and were among the first women to receive military pensions; and*

*WHEREAS, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Ida Tarbell's pioneering investigative journalism revealed the unfair practices of the Standard Oil Company and vocalist Marian Anderson, who would later debut as the first African American to perform with the New York Metropolitan Opera, was born in Philadelphia; and*

*WHEREAS, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Pittsburgh Courier's Jackie Ormes became the first African American woman newspaper cartoonist and Rachel Carson's environmental research, publications, and grassroots conservation efforts led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and*

*WHEREAS, contemporary Pennsylvanians like Alison Bechdel, writer-illustrator whose works inspired a Tony Award-winning musical, Loretta Claiborne, speaker, advocate, athlete, and Special Olympian, and 2016 Olympic medalists Amanda Polk, Cierra Runge, Leah Smith, Taylor Ellis-Watson, Nia Ali, and Christa Dietzen, reflect the spirit of their trailblazing predecessors and inspire the vision, action, and determination of the next generation of women.*

*THEREFORE, in special recognition of the contributions of women from all walks of life to the advancement and development of our Commonwealth and our nation, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the women who have left their imprint on the pages of history, as well as those whose leadership will guide us into a future filled with possibility and progress.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-seventh day of February two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor