



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

***WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March 2019***

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 "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence;" and

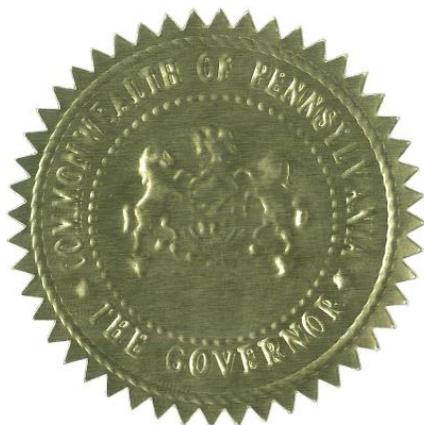
WHEREAS, during the Revolutionary War, Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley and Margaret Cochran Corbin fought in battles and were among the first women to receive military pensions; and

WHEREAS, in the 19th 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 20th 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 2019 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 first day of March two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.

Tom Wolf
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Governor