

*Office of the Mayor*  
*Township of Bordentown*

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, March is Women's History Month and International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This provides a profound opportunity to reflect on and appreciate the contributions, the struggles, and the successes that women have made throughout history; tracing back to 1911; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1978 in a California school district, (Sonoma), designed the celebration around the week of March 8 and then in 1979 a fifteen-day conference about women's history was held at Sarah Lawrence College that was chaired by historian Gerda Lerner and co-sponsored by the college, the Women's Action Alliance, and the Smithsonian Institution and these actions secured the efforts of National Women's History Week.

**WHEREAS**, In February of 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1980 as National Women's History Week and beginning in 1981 the Congress began passing joint Congressional Resolutions designating this week in March as Women's History Month ; and

**WHEREAS**, state departments of education began to encourage these celebrations as a way to promote equality among the sexes in the classroom and they continued to gain support from governors, city councils, school boards and the United States Congress to encourage the women's role in society and history; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2011 the Barack Obama administration released a report that showed over time since 1963, (last federal report on women), showed the significant contributions that women have made throughout time. The President held a reception in the East Room of the White House in March of 2013 showing his continued support of women's achievements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Steve Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township, do hereby proclaim and support the month of March as Women's History Month and join in the highlighting of the worldwide contributions of women in the events in history and our contemporary society.

---

Steve Benowitz

MAYOR