

Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown
Proclamation

WHEREAS, in February of 1980 President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8 1980 as National Womens' History Week and by 1986 fourteen states had already declared March as Womens' History Month which was gaining support and momentum throughout the country and by 1987 Congress declared National Women History Month in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, many women throughout every generation have made a mark in history such as Queen Victoria, Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony to name a few; and

WHEREAS, during the Civil War many women organized and planted fruits and vegetable gardens, they sewed and laundered uniforms, mended quilts, blankets and socks for soldiers and organized door-to-door fundraising to raise money for medical supplies and other necessities and some women such as Florence Nightingale and her fellow nurses in the Crimean War cared for the sick and injured on the front lines; and

WHEREAS, there were 11 thousand women stationed in Vietnam during the conflict and most of them were volunteers and 90% served in the military as nurses, physicians, air traffic controllers, intelligence officers and many other positions; and

WHEREAS, Rosie the Riverter was the star in a campaign aimed in recruiting female workers for defense industries during the World War II. American Women entered the workforce during the war to fill the gaps from the men who enlisted from 1940-1945 and the women in the workforce increased at that time to 37%; and

WHEREAS, today many women are a shining example of strong leadership and are courageous and brilliant working in many fields from business to medicine to government and the arts shaping our history and our future contributing significantly to the betterment of this country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township, do hereby proclaim that March is Womens' History Month to honor and to celebrate women and the role that they played in our society with mentoring, educating, performing and raising their families and so much more.



STEVE BENOWITZ, MAYOR