



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March 2021**

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, this year's Women's History Month theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced"; and

WHEREAS, the women's suffrage story is intrinsically linked to our commonwealth, from its early Quaker roots through the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in August of 1920; and

WHEREAS, in the eighteenth century, Lucretia Mott of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was a founding member of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society and participated in the organization of the Seneca Falls Convention, sparking a dialogue about the women's right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in the early twentieth century, Daisy Lampkin of Reading, Pennsylvania and Caroline Katzenstein and Dora Lewis of Philadelphia were tireless advocates for women's suffrage who participated in professional organizations as advocates for the movement; and

WHEREAS, countless other Pennsylvania women, most of them forgotten to history, worked tirelessly to spread the suffrage movement across the state and inspired 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 2021 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 eleventh day of February two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor