PROCLAMATION

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
March 2023

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, this year's theme is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories," in recognition of women who use their talents to tell stories that change history; and

WHEREAS, Ida Tarbell, born in Amity Township, Erie County, pioneered investigative journalism and wrote essays, magazine articles, and biographies that revealed important truths about the social and economic conditions of her time; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Forten Grimké, born in Philadelphia, organized public lectures as part of the abolitionist movement, wrote poetry, journals, songs, and editorials, and helped to found the National Association of Colored Women in 1896; and

WHEREAS, Kim Ward is the President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania, Joanna McClinton is the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and Debra Todd is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, marking historic firsts for all three institutions; and

WHEREAS, countless other Pennsylvanian women, many of them forgotten to history, have worked tirelessly to illuminate important stories in order to move the Commonwealth forward.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH in special recognition of the contributions of women to the advancement and development of our Commonwealth. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize and support the women who share their stories in the fight for equity throughout our great state.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this second day of March two thousand twenty-three, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-seventh.

JOSH SHAPIRO
Governor