

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2018, AS
“WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH” IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mendocino County women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our County in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County women have played, and will continue to play, a significant role in every sphere of the life of Mendocino County by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home including unique roles throughout County history by providing the majority of the volunteer force particularly important in the establishment of charitable, humanitarian, and cultural institutions of the County; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County women currently hold significant leadership positions in local government and businesses, including countywide elected positions, seats on the Board of Supervisors, seats on area City Councils, and numerous other seats as elected and appointed members of Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has consistently been overlooked and undervalued prompting in March 1983 the first Women's History Gala Celebration in Mendocino County that was held at the Anderson Valley High School, thereafter, each year it has been held in the City of Ukiah, the seat of Mendocino County with the March 4, 2018 celebration to be held at the Saturday Afternoon Club marking its 35th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the annual Women's History Gala Celebration sponsored by the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition, AAUW-Ukiah, Cloud Forest Institute, and the Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club has a tradition to recognize and honor particular women who exemplify each year's designated theme. Honorees selected who embody this year's theme “Nevertheless She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination” are: Ronita French, Josefina Duenas and Angela DeWitt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims March 2018, as “Women’s History Month” in recognition of the achievements of all women in Mendocino County and invites the public to attend the 35th Women's History Gala Celebration to especially honor important women in our community.

Dated: February 27, 2018

Dan Hamburg, Chair