

# City of East Providence Office of the Mayor



## Mayoral Proclamation

### *"International Women's Day & Women's History Month"*

*WHEREAS, March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD) and the Month of March is Women's History Month; and*

*WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women; and*

*WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity; and*

*WHEREAS, No one government, charity, corporation or academic institution is responsible for International Women's Day; and*

*WHEREAS, The day has occurred for well over a century with the first International Women's Day gathering in 1911 during a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies; and*

*WHEREAS, The year 2011 saw the 100 year centenary of International Women's Day - with the first IWD event held exactly 100 years ago in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland; and*

*WHEREAS, In the United States, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 2011 to be "Women's History Month", calling Americans to mark IWD by reflecting on "the extraordinary accomplishments of women" in shaping the country's history; and*

*WHEREAS, During Women's History Month, we honor the women who sacrificed and strived to ensure all people have an equal opportunity; and*

*WHEREAS, The City recognizes those women who have contributed to the betterment of the City and advancement of women in East Providence.*

*WHEREAS, IWD is an official holiday in many countries including Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, China (for women only), Cuba, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Eritrea, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Madagascar (for women only), Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal (for women only), Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia.; and*

***THEREFORE, I, Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva, on behalf of the city of East Providence, celebrate International Women's Day, and proclaim, the month of March as Women's History Month in the City of East Providence.***

*In recognition whereof I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of East Providence to be hereunto affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021.*

Roberto L. DaSilva  
Mayor, City of East Providence

