

**PROCLAMATION
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, extraordinary women have contributed to our society in countless ways. As today's women and girls reach for new heights, they stand on the shoulders of all those who have come before and carry forward their legacy of proud achievement. This month, we celebrate pioneering women and their victories, and we continue working to build a society where our daughters have the same possibilities as our sons; and

WHEREAS, for too long, women were formally excluded from full participation in our society and our democracy. Because of the courage of so many bold women who transcended preconceived expectations and proved they were capable of doing all that a man could do and more, advances were made, discoveries were revealed, barriers were broken, and progress triumphed; and

WHEREAS, courageous women have called not only for the absence of oppression, but for the presence of opportunity. They have demonstrated for justice and for jobs that promise equal pay for equal work, and for a right to be heard; and

WHEREAS, whether serving in elected positions across America, leading groundbreaking civil rights movements, venturing into unknown frontiers, or programming revolutionary technologies, generations of women have stirred innovative ideas and opened new doors; and

WHEREAS, while we have made great progress toward achieving gender equality, work remains to be done. Women still earn, on average, less for every dollar made than their male counterparts. And although the majority of our nation's college and graduate students are women, they are still underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, when women succeed, we all succeed. With that in mind, we must all work together to forge a more equal society for all our daughters and granddaughters - one where a woman's potential is limited only by the size of her imagination; and

WHEREAS, during Women's History Month, we pay tribute to the wide range of remarkable women who prevailed over enormous barriers, paving the way for women of today to not only participate in but to lead and shape every facet of American life, in College Park, the State of Maryland, and around the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fazlul Kabir, Mayor of the City of College Park, proclaim March 2024 as Women's History Month, and urge all our residents, women and men alike, to pause and pay tribute to the remarkable women in your life.

PROCLAIMED THIS 5th **DAY OF** MARCH **2024.**

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park, Maryland