



## A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**WHEREAS,** Women's History Month was proclaimed by President Jimmy Carter in 1980 to encompass International Women's Day, first celebrated on March 8, 1911, and Women's History Week established in 1978, and

**WHEREAS,** the 2026 Women's History Month theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future," highlights the vital leadership of women in addressing today's most pressing challenges, including women who are at the forefront of sustainability efforts across environmental, economic, educational, and social justice movements; and

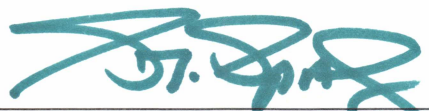
**WHEREAS,** women have played and continue to play critical roles in every sphere of civic life, and have spearheaded movements advancing equality, opportunity, and justice, thereby strengthening our democracy and creating a more fair and inclusive society for all; and

**WHEREAS,** women of every race, class, and background have made historic and lasting contributions to the growth, vitality, and character of our nation; yet, despite these achievements, the role of women in history has been overlooked or undervalued, underscoring the importance of intentionally recognizing and elevating women's stories and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of New Albany recognizes the important contributions of women in our nation and in the New Albany community, who inspire future generations to lead with courage, resiliency, and compassion.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of council and the residents of New Albany, declare March as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** to celebrate the achievements of women past and present, to reflect on their enduring impact, and to support continued progress on a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

**WHEREBY,** I set my hand and seal this 17th day of March, 2026.



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor