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County of Summit Declares March Women’s History Month

On Monday, March 4, 2019, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council passed legislation declaring the month of March 2019 Women’s History Month in Summit County. The legislation, sponsored by Executive Shapiro and passed unanimously by Council, recognizes the women of the United States of America and their historical achievements, as well as the struggles they have overcome and those they continue to face.

“Women’s History Month is a special opportunity to celebrate the women of the past who broke barriers and paved the way for the women of the present and future,” said Executive Shapiro. “I am especially thankful for the women of Summit County and their many contributions to our community.”

Following President Jimmy Carter’s proclamation of Women’s History Week in 1980, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress in 1987, resulting in the proclamation of the month of March as Women’s History Month in perpetuity. The purpose of the declaration is to honor the women of the United States and the countless contributions they have made to the nation throughout its history. The declaration also recognizes the many barriers women have encountered and ultimately conquered, such as fighting for the right to vote, the right to own property, and those barriers they are still challenging, including gender equality and discrimination.

“I ask the residents of Summit County to join us in celebrating March as Women’s History Month,” said At-Large County Council Member Elizabeth Walters. “We should always be conscious of how much women have accomplished, how hard they have had to fight for these achievements, and how they are still fighting for equality today.”

For more information about Women’s History Month, visit <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>.

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