

WHEREAS, Women's History Week was first proclaimed by President Carter in 1980 and grew to a month-long celebration following a petition from the National Women's History Project in 1986; and

WHEREAS, March 8th is signified as International Women's Day and was first celebrated in 1911 around the world; and

WHEREAS, Women, until recently in the United States, have had limited equalities such as the right to vote (1919), equal pay (1960), equal education (1972) and financial freedom (1974) to name a few; and

WHEREAS, While progress has been made, in practice many gaps still exist for women; and

WHEREAS, The Township of Schaumburg is committed through its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives to move the needle closer to true equity for women; and

WHEREAS, The month of March is an opportunity to reflect on the generations of women who have fought for a seat at the table to promote the equality and the advancement of women and girls; and

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT PROCLAIMED** that we, Supervisor Heneghan and Township of Schaumburg Trustees, on this 28th day of February, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as **Women's History Month** in the Township of Schaumburg.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Schaumburg to be affixed this 28th day of February 2024.