

**RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2021 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY: COUNCILWOMAN TABATHA TAYLOR**

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, U.S. President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation for National Women's History Week, and in 1987, the U.S. Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, annually, a special U.S. Presidential Proclamation is issued honoring the extraordinary achievements of American women; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 National Women's History theme, "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to be Silenced," recognizes the battle for women's suffrage, which was gained with the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment in 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, for almost 100 years, women had been fighting for the right to vote; they made speeches, signed petitions, staged demonstrations and argued over and over again that women, like men, deserved all of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life in America, lending their collective voices to forge a more equal society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have "nevertheless persisted," to bring about positive change in their fight for voting, reproductive rights, gender equality, equal pay, and quality healthcare, as well as an end to human trafficking and suffering, and the many intersecting forms of discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, class, disability, and sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, many women leaders are securing not only a seat at the table, but also at the head table at major corporations, governing bodies, and in once male-dominated professions in the public and private sector – from first responders, construction workers, IT professionals and CEOs to Vice President; and

**WHEREAS**, these contributions and others widen the circle of opportunity for women and girls across the country and inspire them to reach for new and even greater heights, knowing they stand on the shoulders of all those who have come before them as they proudly carry on their legacy of achievement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due regular and legal session convened that the Shreveport City Council designates and proclaims March 2021, as Women's History Month in the City of Shreveport.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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**City Attorney's Office**