

PROCLAMATION
Office of the Mayor
Town of Hamden
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
MARCH 8TH, 2022

WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900's. On March 19th, 1911, International Women's Day was honored the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. March 8th has been the date of celebration since 1914; and,

WHEREAS, The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day in 1975; and,

WHEREAS, In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and international peace. Each year since, the U.S. President issues a proclamation naming March as National Women's History Month and naming March 8th as International Women's Day; and,

WHEREAS, In 1979, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the "Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women" (CEDAW), providing a mechanism for governments to commit to ensuring women's equal access to, and equal opportunities in, political and public life, as well as education, health, and employment; and,

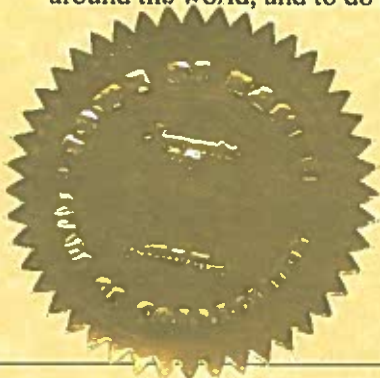
WHEREAS, In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, the United States Congress officially designated March as Women's History Month. Since 1988, and with additional resolutions passed by Congress through 1994, U.S. Presidents have annually proclaimed the month of March as Women's History Month; and,

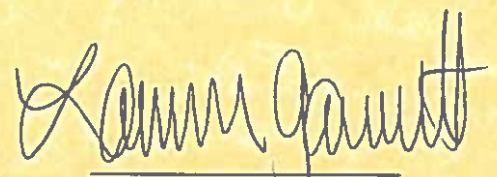
WHEREAS, Women's History Month, in concert with International Women's Day, provides an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, celebrate the gains and achievements made by women in our society and reflect on the challenges and barriers which women continue to face today; and,

WHEREAS, This month, and at all times, we as a community can celebrate progress made in advancing women's rights, and also contemplate areas in society where further change is still needed. Women's access to education, health care and paid labor has improved, but more work must be done. Legislation has been adopted in many countries that promises equal opportunities for women and respect for their human rights, but the fight is far from over; and,

WHEREAS, It is our civic and moral duty, as celebrators and allied-partners of Women, to continue in our mutual efforts to address the social, economic, and political barriers still facing women and girls today, while simultaneously celebrating their achievements and the progress that has been made in support of women's equality at every opportunity; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lauren Garrett, Mayor of The Town of Hamden do hereby proclaim today March 8, 2022, as **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** and the Month of March, 2022 as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** in the Town of Hamden. I ask citizens to reflect upon the issues still facing women in our society and around the world, and to do their part as agents of change in our community.





Lauren Garrett, Mayor