



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, the national observance of Women's History Month throughout March celebrates and honors the legacy of extraordinary women who have had an impact on our world and our lives; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives," presents the opportunity to discover and learn about women – individually and collectively – and incorporate their stories into the fabric of our nation's history; by exploring the lives of these remarkable women, we can expand our understanding of the many ways that they have helped shape our society and further increase our appreciation for their contributions in all areas of life; and

Whereas, women from the past and present continue to influence and define every aspect of American life – from challenging and changing laws, carrying out groundbreaking research in medicine, science, and technology, and conquering social and political barriers; New York State remains committed to achieving equality for women and to ensuring their rights, their freedoms, their economic strength, and their opportunities for advancement in the workplace; and

Whereas, during this month, we also recognize the contributions of women veterans who served our nation in the past, and those current members of our Armed Forces who strengthen our military at home and across the globe; today, women in uniform have roles of greater responsibility, achieving the highest ranks and positions of leadership within our nation's military, and we are inspired by their dedication, their patriotism, and their service; and

Whereas, we join to honor women in history whose strength and determination helped forge a path for future generations, and celebrate their lives, their courageous actions, and their willingness to think larger and bolder; they have helped change the course of modern civilization by breaking gender barriers and opening doors of opportunity, and their stories encourage the next generation of women to forge new paths of progress; and

Whereas, this year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> annual nationwide observance of Women's History Month, providing us with an opportunity to acknowledge women of vision, strength, and achievement, and New York State proudly joins to recognize outstanding women of diverse backgrounds who have made historic contributions to our state and nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany on this twenty-seventh day of February in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

Wickham J. Mahon  
Secretary to the Governor