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WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and others, especially the peace movement, which creates a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, National Women's History month allows us an opportunity to recognize women leaders including Battle Ground's Diana Avalos-Leos who founded the Clark County Latino Youth Conference, serves as vice president of youth at Southwest Washington League of United Latin American Citizens, and is the youngest female recipient of the Clark County First Citizen; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has consistently been overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teachings and study of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adrian Cortes, Mayor of the City of Battle Ground, Washington do hereby proclaim April 2020 as National Women's History Month in the City of Battle Ground and hereby acknowledge and celebrate the contributions made by all women.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Battle Ground to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2020.

Mayor Adrian Cortes