

# PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, International Women's Day celebrates the economic, political, and social achievements of women; and

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

WHEREAS, International Women's Day acknowledges the obstacles women still face in the struggle for equal rights and opportunities and their central role in creating positive change; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median weekly earnings for women were 82.6 percent of what men earned for equivalent work in 2021; and

WHEREAS, women worldwide are still denied educational opportunities, with about 129 million girls out of school in 2021 internationally, according to UNICEF; and

WHEREAS, gender equality in education and in the workforce benefits everyone; and

WHEREAS, despite these inequities, women continue to make major contributions to our society, ranging from the historical victories of the women's suffrage movement to the current day leadership by black women in Black Lives Matter and in the White House; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Lacey Beaty, Mayor of the City of Beaverton, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the 8 of March 2022 as

## *International Women's Day*

in the City of Beaverton and urge all residents to celebrate women's achievement, raise awareness against bias, and take action for equality.

  
Lacey Beaty, Mayor

