



# *P*roclamation

## *Women's History Month* *March 2021*

- WHEREAS,** Women's History Month is observed annually each March, in celebration of their contributions to history, culture and society; and
- WHEREAS,** this month is dedicated to reflecting on the often over-looked achievements of women such as Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, Abigail Adams and Sojourner Truth, among countless others; and
- WHEREAS,** women today continue to play a critical role in the world, and in creating a brighter future for all; and
- WHEREAS,** on this occasion Watsonville recognizes a group of these women, the Alpha Theta Chapter of the Omega Nu Sorority, which was chartered on May 14, 1935; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, Alpha Theta raises funds to give out in the form of scholarships to young women at local high schools to support them in furthering their education; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Theta has donated to several organizations, such as Pajaro Valley Shelter Services, Monarch Services, YMCA, Jacob's Heart and FoodWhat? along with various others; and
- WHEREAS,** they also collaborate with Watsonville Police Department to maintain their 'soft room,' a safe space where victims who are minors can be interviewed in a more comfortable environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Theta works with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office to fund all the equipment and supplies for the SART room at Dominican Hospital, where victims of sexual abuse go for their forensic examination; and
- WHEREAS,** Alpha Theta and Monarch Services' victim advocates strive to ensure the process is conducted in the utmost supportive, private and respectful manner; and
- WHEREAS,** we are proud to have these and many other extraordinary women as part of our community, and as role models for the younger generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize March 2021 as Women's History Month and encourage all citizens to reflect on the generations of women that have made an impact in our history, as well as those who continue making an impact today.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, Two thousand and twenty one.

  
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**Jimmy Dutra, Mayor**

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