



# Tompkins County Legislature

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1978, the school district of Sonoma, California, participated in Women's History Week, an event designed around the week of March 8 (International Women's Day), which was a precursor to Women's History Month, and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Women's History Month theme is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" recognizing women throughout the country who understand that, for a positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions, 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, we can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequity, and

WHEREAS, we remember and honor the women who came before us who lived and worked in Tompkins County, educating, inspiring, and transforming those around them such as Dorothy Cotton, Beverly J. Martin, Jacqueline "Mama" Scott, and Audrey Cooper, and

WHEREAS, we lift and celebrate women in our community who embody this year's theme every day in their work by continuing to question, challenge, and expand our minds, such as Laura Branca, Dr. Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Dr. Nia Nunn, and Nydia Blass, and

WHEREAS, far too often women's heroic efforts and their stories have gone untold – especially those of the millions of Black women, immigrant women, Indigenous women and others from diverse communities, and

WHEREAS, women here and elsewhere continue to unite to advocate that these right and privileges be available to all residents equally, and

WHEREAS, the diversity of women of every race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, and expression should be honored and uplifted, and

WHEREAS, women throughout history have demonstrated an unbreakable resolve in pursuit of justice, equity, and inclusion, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Legislature, celebrates the brave women who fought to win suffrage, civil, and economic rights for women, and designate the month of March 2024 to celebrate

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in Tompkins County,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Dan Klein, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of Tompkins County, State of New York, on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

Dan Klein, Chair  
Tompkins County Legislature