

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Women's History Month

WHEREAS, during Women's History Month, we celebrate the countless women whose courage and resolve have contributed to the very fiber and success of our Nation, and the entire world. The equal opportunity for women in every facet of daily life is essential to a free and prosperous society; and

WHEREAS, this month, we honor women who have fought for equality and challenged the status quo, who have persevered through discrimination, partiality, and injustice, and who have paved a strong foundation for the benefit of all. These women have created a legacy that continues to inspire generations of women to live with confidence, to positively impact their communities, and to improve our World, our Nation, our State and our Borough every single day; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, women have dedicated their lives to achieving equal rights for all Americans. They envisioned a society where women could pursue a formal education, start a business, serve in the military, and even run for elected office. Their examples motivate successive generations to aspire to greatness and to stand boldly in the face of adversity; and

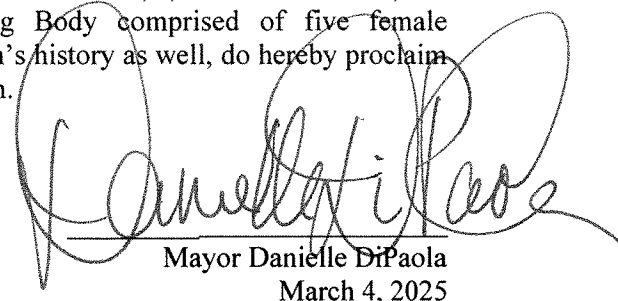
WHEREAS, we remember all the American women, past and present, who have inspired and empowered today's women to advocate for their beliefs and pursue their dreams without hesitation; and

WHEREAS, Catherine Brewer, who in 1840 became the first woman to earn a bachelor's degree, and Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, who graduated from medical school to become America's first recognized female physician, are in the pantheon of great American women. Their achievement marked the beginning of our society's move toward equality among men and women in education. They would be proud to know that, today, female students constitute the majority of undergraduates in our colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Leaders of our Nation also stand on the shoulders of women like Jeannette Rankin, the first woman to hold federal office, who in 1916 accurately foretold, "I may be the first woman member of Congress, but I won't be the last." Now, more than a century after Congress passed the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote, more women are serving in Congress than at any time in our history; and

WHEREAS, this month, we express our gratitude for all American women who continue to strengthen our families, communities, and workforce. Our future is brighter because of their contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THANKS TO THESE COURAGEOUS WOMEN, I, Danielle DiPaola, the first female Mayor of Emerson, on behalf of the Governing Body comprised of five female Councilmembers out of the six members serving, a first in Emerson's history as well, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as Women's History Month in the Borough of Emerson.



Mayor Danielle DiPaola
March 4, 2025