

## Franklin Township

Somerset County

Mayor and Township Council

### PROCLAMATION

**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;

**WHEREAS**, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role 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;

**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;

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

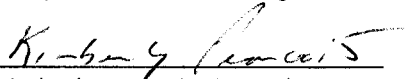
**WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

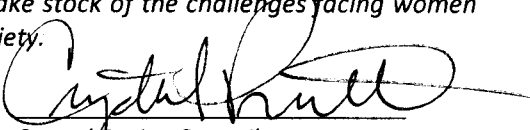
**WHEREAS**, American women have served our country courageously in the military;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Councilwomen Kimberly Francois and Crystal Pruitt, and Mayor Phillip Kramer** on behalf of the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as Women's History Month in Franklin Township and honors the theme "**Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence**" by urging the residents of Franklin Township to take this special opportunity to recognize and reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to take stock of the challenges facing women today, and celebrate the gains made by women in our society.

  
Kimberly Francois, Councilwoman

  
Crystal Pruitt, Councilwoman

March 12, 2019

  
Phillip Kramer, Mayor