



PROCLAMATION

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women's History Month acknowledges the achievements and challenges of women who have helped and continue to help build and shape our nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Women's History Alliance's theme for Women's History Month 2025 is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations"; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington community has been enriched by the work of women activists, both native-born and immigrant, whose impact has been felt in civil rights, education, government, and human services, and whose names grace our public buildings and spaces, including Ellen Bozman, Elizabeth Campbell, Dorothy Hamm, Mary Marshall, Evelyn Syphax; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country in the military with bravery and distinction; and

WHEREAS, nationwide women continue to experience significant challenges in the pursuit of equal rights and fair treatment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, women worldwide experience gender inequality, which is further exacerbated when they also identify as members of marginalized communities based on their race, ethnicity, age, ability and/or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Arlington government and leadership are committed to working toward a gender-equal world, free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world where people live openly and authentically without fear and where difference is valued and celebrated;

NOW THEREFORE, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim March 2025, as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** in Arlington County and encourages all residents to join in honoring our history and celebrating the contributions of all women.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Takis Karantonis".

Takis Karantonis
Chair