

Resolution No. 344-2024

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
Recognizing March 2024 as National Women's
History Month.

By Council Member Conwell

WHEREAS, March is National Women's History Month and the National Women's History Alliance has designated the theme for Women's History Month 2024 as "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion"; and

WHEREAS, this theme recognizes the invaluable contributions of women who have dedicated themselves to advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of society; and

WHEREAS, notable contributions of women in government go as far back as 1889, when, two years after women gained the right to vote in city elections in Kansas, Lucy Sullivan was elected mayor of Baldwin City, Kansas; also at that time, Baldwin City elected an entirely female city council; and

WHEREAS, together, these women passed laws improving Baldwin City's streets and sidewalks and constructed a bridge, making it easier to cross the muddy banks of the stream running through the town; and

WHEREAS, the "Women's Bridge" still stands today as a tribute to Mayor Lucy Sullivan and the all-women Baldwin City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 we honor the women who have tirelessly worked to dismantle barriers, challenge prejudices, and create opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their background; and

WHEREAS, this Council especially recognizes women from Cleveland who were courageous and inspirational in their advocacy for equity, diversity and inclusion, including Council Woman Fannie M. Lewis, Clerk of Council Mercedes Cotner, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor and U.S. Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones, journalist Dorothy Fuldheim, rock critic Jane Scott, and actress and civil rights advocate Ruby Dee, to name only a few; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council recognizes March 2024 as National Women's History Month.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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3/25/2024

