



Proclamation

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023 **“Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories”**

WHEREAS, Women’s History Month has been recognized in the United States since 1987; and,

WHEREAS, the observance of Women’s History Month calls our attention to the countless contributions of women, recorded and unrecorded, that are often undervalued, and reinforces the need to battle sexism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and,

WHEREAS, this year’s Women’s History Month theme, “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories”, is a recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more; and,


WHEREAS, for generations, women have passed on our heritage in word and print to communicate the lessons of those who came before us, and to create new understandings and brighter futures for those who follow; and,

WHEREAS, Somerset County is proud of its women communicators, including scientist, journalist, and novelist Mary Griffiths of Franklin Township; Suffragist, science writer, and poet Antoinette Brown of Somerville; model, writer, magazine editor, and Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick of Bernardsville; chemist and author Jeannette Brown of Hillsborough; children’s picture book and young adult author Barbara Cohen of Somerville; singer and songwriter Gloria Gaynor of Green Brook; and many more; and

WHEREAS, Somerset County is proud to honor the history and contributions of women in our local communities, across our nation, and around the world;

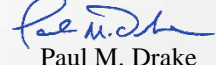
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize March 2023 as Women’s History Month in the County of Somerset and urges all citizens to learn about and recognize the numerous contributions made by women throughout history, including those leading the recent pandemic response.


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March 14, 2023

Attest:


Kelly L. Mager
Clerk of the Board