

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
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PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, throughout history, women have played an important role in advancing not only themselves but society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, women in Arizona's history, whether American Indian, pioneers, life-long Arizonans, migrants from other states or immigrants, have made great strides as leaders in many fields including elected and appointed public service, military service, business, education, medicine, the professions, the arts, philanthropy and charitable service; and

**WHEREAS**, among "the firsts" from Arizona is the first woman United States Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor; first woman state Chief Justice in United States history, Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorna Lockwood; first woman in the United States to a state legislature, Representative Rachel Emma Allen Berry; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed legislation which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." In 1987 Congress passed a law which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Since 1995, every President has annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

*Michelle Reagan*

SECRETARY OF STATE