



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: March 18, 2020

Sponsored by Council Members: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon

Introduced by Committee: Municipal and Public Affairs

RESOLUTION

entitled

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH
OF MARCH 2020 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH IN THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a 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; and

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; and

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

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change and have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

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, many courageous women have served as elected officials in the City of Binghamton; including the first acting female Mayor, Elayne Keane (also the first female City Councilmember) who served as Acting Mayor in September of 1966, and our first elected female Mayor, Juanita Crabb, served from 1982 to 1993, in addition to the numerous women who have served as Council representatives since the City's incorporation, with 3 strong women serving today-Sophia Resciniti, District 2, Angela Riley, District 3 and Aviva Friedman, District 4; 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; and

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WHEREAS, this year's Women's History theme is 'Valiant Women of the Vote'; a theme that celebrates women who have fought for women's' right to vote in the United States and recognizes the centennial of the 19th Amendment, and further recognizes that we honor women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st-century women who have continued the struggle fighting against poll taxes, literacy tests, voter roll purges, and other more contemporary forms of voter suppression, in order to ensure voting rights for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Binghamton does hereby proclaim and recognize that the month of March 2020 is designated as "Women's History Month" in the City of Binghamton and that the Council encourages all residents of the City to observe and celebrate the women in our lives and throughout the month of March with appropriate programs, celebrations, and activities.

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The within Resolution was adopted by the Council of
the City of Binghamton.

Date 3/18/2020

Christina G. McGarry
City Clerk

Date Presented to Mayor 3/19/2020

Date Approved 3/19/2020

Kirk A. Davis
Mayor

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Scaringi	✓			
Councilwoman Resciniti	✓			
Councilwoman Riley	✓			
Councilwoman Friedman	✓			
Councilman Burns	✓			
Councilman Strawn	✓			
Councilman Scanlon	✓			
Total	7	0	0	0

Code of the City of Binghamton

Adopted Defeated

7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent

I hereby certify the above to be a true
copy of the legislation adopted by the
Council of the City of Binghamton at a
meeting held on 3/18/2020. Approved
by the Mayor on 3/19/2020. KAD