

Borough of Lansdowne  
12 East Baltimore Avenue  
Lansdowne, PA 19050

**Resolution 2021-07**  
**A Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month**

WHEREAS, "Women's History Month" originally began as a local, week-long celebration in 1978 in Santa Rosa, California, which subsequently spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History celebrations and the month of March is now nationally recognized as "Women's History Month," providing the opportunity to honor and celebrate the vital role of women, past and present, in American history; and

WHEREAS, The advocacy efforts of the National Women's History Project led to an annual observance of Women's History Month, which highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society and is celebrated during March in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The first national celebration of Women's History Week occurred through a bipartisan resolution sponsored by Senators Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Orrin Hatch of Utah in 1981; and,

WHEREAS, The celebration of Women's History Week was expanded through a proclamation by Ronald Reagan in 1982, who declared: American women of every race, creed and ethnic background helped found and build our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways ... As leaders in public affairs, American women not only worked to secure their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also were principal advocates in the abolitionist, temperance, mental health reform, industrial labor and social reform movements, as well as the modern civil rights movement; and,

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant and historic contributions to the growth and strength of our society in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and,

WHEREAS, The leadership of women in elected office including the contributions of our own Borough Councilmembers serve as an example of community and civic engagement for girls and women in our county; and,

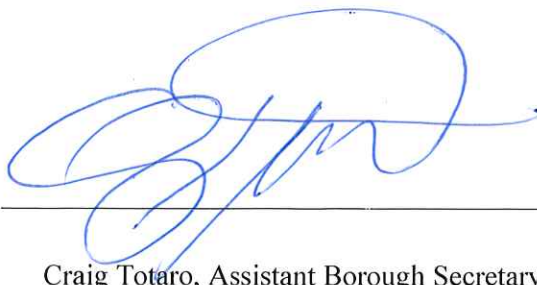
WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and,

WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, labor, business and in study of history; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of Lansdowne and Mayor Tony Campuzano honors the contributions that women have made throughout history and commit to support efforts to improve opportunities for girls and women. Furthermore, we encourage residents of Lansdowne to honor the achievements of women with the recognition of women leaders in the Lansdowne Community

Passed and adopted by the Borough Council of Lansdowne at a meeting held on March 3, 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



Craig Totaro, Assistant Borough Secretary



Benjamin D. Hover, Council President