## City of Brisbane

## **PROCLAMATION**

## DESIGNATING MARCH 2024 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as Women's History Week. In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month; and WHEREAS, the 2024 Women's History Month theme established by The National Women's History Alliance is titled: "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" which honors and recognizes women throughout the country who understand the need, and are dedicated to the elimination of bias and discrimination from our lives and institutions; and WHEREAS, we recognize women, past and present, from every background, who have long realized that an uneven playing field will never bring equity, justice or fairness in our institutions and social interactions, and who are committed to embracing everyone and excluding no one to achieve freedom and opportunity. Change comes with the help of friends, family, teachers, and community especially young people who need to learn the value of different voices and points of view as they grow; and

WHEREAS, we honor local women from the past and present who have displayed courage by advocating for practical goals like equity, diversity and inclusion and have taken the lead to show the importance of change to establish safeguards, practices and legislation to reflect these values; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brisbane City Council recognize the importance of Women's History Month as an opportunity for every woman and girl knows that her possibilities know no bounds.

Dated: 03/07/2024

Terry O'Connell, Mayor