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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director  
Legislative Policy Division Staff 

DATE: March 11, 2026

RE: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MARCH 2026 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

City Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway has requested that the Legislative Policy Division provide a resolution establishing March 2026 as Women's History Month. The requested resolution is attached.

Please reach out to us if we may be of further assistance.

**BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD CALLOWAY**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MARCH 2026 AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

- WHEREAS** The theme of Women’s History Month for March 2026, as designated by the National Women’s History Alliance, is “Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future,” recognizing the leadership of women in advancing equity, justice, resilience, and long-term sustainability in communities across the nation;<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS** The story of Detroit cannot be fully told without acknowledging the enduring legacy and impact of the women whose leadership and sacrifice have advanced and strengthened our city; and
- WHEREAS** The city of Detroit is home to a movement of women whose leadership, advocacy, and service continue to reinforce the resilience of our neighborhoods, drive the advancement of equity, and build a more just and sustainable future for all; and
- WHEREAS** At this pivotal moment in history, communities are being called to confront our challenges, including climate crises, economic insecurity, and healthcare disparities, impacts of which are interconnected and often felt most acutely by women, particularly those from marginalized communities;<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS** Detroit women’s history is marked by generations of trailblazers whose courage, labor, advocacy, and leadership have helped shape the social, economic, cultural, and political fabric of the City of Detroit while advancing a more just, resilient, and sustainable future for all; and
- WHEREAS** Detroit is home to the Detroit Association of Women’s Clubs (DAWC), founded in 1921 with eight member clubs, which has served as a pillar of civic engagement, service, and leadership in the City of Detroit. DAWC is affiliated with the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs, Inc. (NACWC), founded in 1896, which is widely described as the oldest national African American women’s organization in the United States;<sup>3</sup> and
- WHEREAS** It is fitting to honor, educate, inspire, and connect our community to the historic, invaluable and ongoing contributions of women whose leadership has built resilience, endurance and sustainability into the very fabric of our society; and
- WHEREAS** The women who have served on the Detroit City Council have made an invaluable impact through their leadership, service, and dedication to the residents of Detroit; and
- WHEREAS** This year 2026 marks the beginning of the inaugural term of Mayor Mary Sheffield, the first woman elected Mayor of Detroit in the city’s 324-year history; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council hereby honors the past and present contributions of women throughout Detroit and its history, whose leadership in civil rights, public service, sustainability, industry, community activism and advocacy have left an indelible mark on this city and beyond; **BE IT FURTHER**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council hereby proclaims March 2026 as Women’s History Month in the City of Detroit and encourages the upliftment, recognition, and celebration of the enduring legacies of women and their contributions to the progress and future of this city; **BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Clerk transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of Mayor Mary Sheffield, the Detroit Civil Rights Opportunity and Inclusion Department, and the Detroit Association of Women’s Club.

<sup>1</sup> Nat’l Women’s Hist. All., *Women’s History Theme 2026*, Nat’l Women’s Hist. All., <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/womens-history-theme-2026/>

<sup>2</sup> U.N. Women, *Explainer: How Gender Inequality and Climate Change Are Interconnected*, U.N. Women (Apr. 21, 2025), <https://www.unwomen.org/en/articles/explainer/how-gender-inequality-and-climate-change-are-interconnected>; Shubha Nagesh & Monalisha Sahu, *Frontlines Burning: Women’s Lives at the Heart of Climate Injustice*, 6 *PLOS Glob. Pub. Health* e0005801 (2026), <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12922987/>.

<sup>3</sup> Detroit Ass’n of Women’s Clubs, Inc., <https://www.friendsofdawc.com/> (last visited Mar. 11, 2026); Nat’l Ass’n of Colored Women’s Clubs, Inc., *About Us*, <https://www.nacwc1896.org/aboutus> (last visited Mar. 11, 2026).