



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, in the month of March, we take time to celebrate the accomplishments and the countless ways women, of every race, class and ethnic background, have strengthened and contributed to the fabric of the nation and acknowledge that we all benefit from the leadership and contributions of women in education, medicine, government, law, business, military service, and every other field; and

**WHEREAS**, the influence and accomplishments of women demonstrating leadership and professionalism in our community have contributed to all aspects of life and have continued to help make Ankeny a safe, thriving, and vibrant community; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 100 years after the milestone passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment legally protecting women's right to vote, women continue to be trailblazers, pioneers, innovators, and leaders in their fields; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month 2025 celebrates the theme "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," to recognize the collective efforts of women in shaping a more just and equitable society.

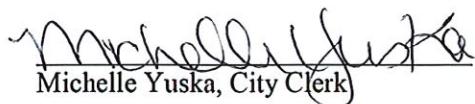
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, do hereby proclaim March, 2025 as Women's History Month and join in honoring and celebrating all women by recognizing their perseverance, contributions, and accomplishments in our community and our country.

**DATED AND SIGNED** this 3rd day of March, 2025.



Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

