

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Women's History Month began as Women's History Week, established by Congress in 1981. It grew out of the fact that women, just like minorities, found themselves mostly invisible in history courses. In 1987, Congress established Women's History Month. It is celebrated in a variety of ways including revising history to include its feminine actors. The most extensive celebration occurs at the Smithsonian Institution which sponsors a month of projects; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of Women's History Month is to increase the consciousness and knowledge of women's history, and to take time to acknowledge the contributions of both notable and ordinary women; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of University Women (AAUW) chooses to honor local women in a program titled, "Women Who Made History on the Ridge." The inaugural program was held in 2014 and the second in 2015. Women are selected for their various unique contributions to the ridge area; Honorees to date are as follows:

2014

Mary Zipprer, original school teacher and cattle rancher; Helen Morrison, creator of environmental initiatives and educator on environmental issues; Nancy Hoyt, leadership volunteer and supporter of many local boards and programs; Mimi Hardman, fund raiser and promoter of a variety of historic preservation projects; and

2015

Martha Carter, volunteer extraordinaire and first woman to run for City Commission; Alice Manley, first African American nurse and ARNP at Polk County Health Department; Marilyn Newell, promoter of arts and music programs and projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Eugene Fultz, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County Florida, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2015 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this 21st day of April 2015.

Eugene Fultz, Mayor