

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** The United States recognizes and celebrates March as Women's History Month; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout our nation's proud military history from the American Revolution to today's conflicts, women have played an integral role during times of war and of peace, both in and out of uniform, to uphold the nation's ideals and protect our freedom; and
- WHEREAS:** Women today comprise about 16 percent of U.S. Armed Forces, with more than 25,000 women veterans currently living in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon women veterans have served our country with courage and resolve, often in the face of adversity, shaping the character of our nation and contributing to our success; and
- WHEREAS:** The history of women in the military is often a forgotten heritage, yet one of perseverance and strength; and
- WHEREAS:** It is everyone's duty and honor to give special recognition to the long and rich legacy of all women who have served their country honorably and bravely to secure our nation's freedoms.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 15-21, 2020** to be

WOMEN'S MILITARY HISTORY WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 20, 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bev Clarno". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Bev Clarno, Secretary of State