



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day commemorates the role of ordinary women in making a difference in history, and is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women to participate in society on an equal footing with men; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1910, at an international meeting in Copenhagen with over 100 women present from 17 countries, "Women's Day" was established to honor the movement for women's rights and assist in achieving universal suffrage for women; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result of a decision made at the Copenhagen meeting, International Women's Day was designated for the first time in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland on March 19, 1911; and

**WHEREAS**, 2018 marks the 23rd anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, at which 189 countries committed to integrating gender equality into each dimension of society, and the 7th anniversary of the establishment of the first United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security; and

**WHEREAS**, As of March 2017, there are more than 3,672,000,000 women in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Women around the world participate in the political, social and economic lives of their communities, play a critical role in providing and caring for their families, contribute substantially to economic growth and the prevention and resolution of conflict, as farmers and caregivers, play an important role in the advancement of food security for their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability of women and girls to realize their full potential is critical for a country to achieve strong and lasting economic growth political and social stability; and

**WHEREAS**, It is imperative to alleviate violence and discrimination against women and to afford women every opportunity to be full and productive members of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the borough of New Milford has a woman mayor, four women councilwomen and numerous professional women on its staff; and

**WHEREAS**, March 8th of every year is recognized as "International Women's Day" all over the globe to celebrate the economic, political, and social achievements of women in the past, present, and future and highlight the obstacles women face in their struggle for equal rights and gender equality; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by New Milford Mayor Ann Subrizi, New Milford hereby recognizes March 8, 2018 as International Women's Day and, further, calls upon public officials and the citizens of New Milford to observe "International Women's Day" with appropriate activities and programs.

*Ann Subrizi*

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Mayor Ann Subrizi

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