

RESOLUTION NO. 20-26

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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2026, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the first "International Women's Day" occurred on March 19, 1911, with inaugural events such as rallies and organized meetings; and

WHEREAS, the March 19 date was chosen because it commemorated the day that the Prussian king promised to introduce votes for women in 1848; the promise gave hope for equality, but it was a promise that he failed to keep; "International Women's Day" was then moved to March 8 in 1913; and

WHEREAS, "International Women's Day" celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women; and

WHEREAS, the IWD 2026 theme is "Give to Gain," which encourages a mindset of generosity and collaboration. When people, organizations, and communities give generously, opportunities and support for women increase creating a more supportive and interconnected world; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, International Women's Day marks an important milestone: 115 years of collective action, advocacy, and progress toward gender equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby supports "International Women's Day" on March 8, 2026.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance taking place this month, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO