

## A Proclamation of

## the City of Mill Creek

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8<sup>th</sup> as a spotlight on the women's right movement and creating awareness towards important issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, and violence and abuse against women.

WHEREAS, this year's theme for the International Day, "#EmbraceEquity", highlights the need for gender equity in every aspect of society's DNA. The theme underscores that equal opportunities are not enough when everyone starts at different places, so equitable action must be at the forefront of inclusion and belonging.

WHEREAS, International Women's Day calls for women's right to decision-making in all areas of life, equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end all forms of violence against women and girls, and health-care services that respond to their needs.

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women, who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. The world has made unprecedented advances, but no country has achieved gender equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephanie Vignal, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Mill Creek, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2023 as International Women's Day in the City of Mill Creek.

Signed this 7th day of March 2023.

Brian Holtzclaw, Mayor

Stephanie Vighal, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:

Jaona Fay, City Clerk