

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** women of every race, class, and ethnicity have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the state of Indiana and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force inside and outside of the home and as indispensable volunteers for charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions; and
- WHEREAS,** this year, Indiana is honoring 200 years of history by engaging all Hoosiers in celebration of the state's past in order to leave a lasting legacy for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indiana Commission for Women has made it their mission to understand the needs of Indiana women and their families, and to work strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive solutions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Indiana Commission for Women works to educate Indiana residents about women who have made extraordinary contributions to Indiana's history; and
- WHEREAS,** each year the Indiana Commission for Women holds the Torchbearer Awards, the highest award given specifically to Hoosier women, which honors the outstanding achievements of extraordinary women to their communities and to the State of Indiana, having led the way for other women as role models who have faced tough choices, demonstrated character and provided inspirational stories; and
- WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to set aside a time in which to recognize the important role all women have played throughout our nation's history and renew our commitment to ensuring that women's voices are heard and that they play a critical role in resolving the challenges facing our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 9th
day of March in the year of our
Lord 2016 and of the Independence
of the United States 240.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence