

Lewis-Clark State College

President's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** throughout our nation's history, women have been pioneers in all areas of society, from arts and sciences, to medicine and public service; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1898, Lewis-Clark State College's first graduating class was comprised of seventeen female educators; and
- WHEREAS,** from championing basic human rights to ensuring access and equal opportunity for all Americans, women have led the way in establishing a strong and more democratic country; and
- WHEREAS,** the year 2020 marks the 100-year anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment protecting women's constitutional right to vote; and
- WHEREAS,** the knowledge, skills, and abilities of women contribute to a more robust workforce and a more prosperous economy; and
- WHEREAS,** Women's History Month was first recognized in 1987 by Congress and enacted by the President after years of lobbying by the National Women's History Project; and
- WHEREAS,** this year's theme, "Valiant Women of the Vote" honors women who fought to win suffrage rights for women and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President of Lewis-Clark State College
proclaim and recognize March 2020 as

"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE"

Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President
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