

Resolution No. 2020- 10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2020 AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”**

Whereas, the Borough is proud of our Borough’s achievements in promoting women’s full participation in all aspects of American life and is resolute in our commitment to supporting women’s continued advancement in the Borough;

Whereas, the Borough wishes to honor and celebrate women pioneers and leaders in our history, as well as those unsung women heroes of our daily lives;

Whereas, the women of Langhorne Borough, of every race, class, and ethnic background, have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Borough, our County and our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Whereas, Borough women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of our Borough by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

Whereas, Borough women have played a unique role throughout the history of our Borough, our County and our Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of our Borough, our County and our Nation;

Whereas, Borough women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Borough, our County and our Nation;

Whereas, Borough women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

Whereas, Borough women have served our country courageously in the military;

Whereas, Borough women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all;

Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of the women of Langhorne Borough in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history;

Whereas, during Women’s History Month, the Borough wishes to pay tribute to the remarkable women who prevailed over enormous barriers, paving the way for women of today to not only participate in but to lead and shape every facet of Borough life; and,

Whereas, Borough Council wishes to pay special tribute to: *Mollie Woods Hare* (1881-1956), founder of Woods Schools, Inc. in 1913 and leader in the teaching of children with multi-part intellectual disabilities; *Anna Mary Longshore-Potts, M.D.* (1829-1912), pioneer in the practice and advancement of Women’s and Preventative Medicine and a graduate from the first school in the world established to train women for the degree of Doctor of Medicine; and, *Hannah E. Myers Longshore, M.D.* (1819-1901), a graduate from the first school in the world established to train women for the degree of Doctor of Medicine and the first woman doctor and faculty member at an American Medical School to establish a private practice in Philadelphia, PA.

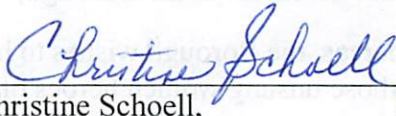
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Langhorne Borough Council that the Month of March 2020 is designated as “Women’s History Month.”

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

LANGHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
Kari Thomas, President

  
Christine Schoell, Secretary

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

  
Joseph Taylor, Mayor