



Board of Directors Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: MARCH 25, 2021 ITEM NUMBER: 10B

SUBJECT: Presentation on Women's History Month and Contributions of Women to Orange County's Agricultural History and the OC Fair & Event Center

DATE: March 19, 2021

FROM: Community Affairs Committee: Directors Kovacevich and Ruiz

PRESENTATION BY: Michele Richards, CEO

RECOMMENDATION

Information item only.

BACKGROUND

March 1st marks the beginning of Women's History Month. The Community Affairs Committee will highlight the contributions women have made to Orange County's agricultural history and to the OC Fair & Event Center.

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

The Community Affairs Committee has worked with staff to develop a presentation celebrating the history of women's contributions to agriculture and the OC Fair & Event Center.