

City of Rochester

Proclamation

WHEREAS, medicine in the United States – just like the rest of society – is changing and becoming more diverse; and

WHEREAS, women now make up 36 percent of the physician workforce in the U.S., compared to just 6 percent in 1950; and

WHEREAS, African American and Hispanic women now make up 12.6 percent of the physician workforce, a number that is steadily growing; and

WHEREAS, half of all U.S. medical school students – and graduates – are women; and

WHEREAS, nearly 40 percent of the faculty posts at the nation’s medical schools are held by women; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in history, the American Medical Association has been represented by three consecutive women presidents, including the first African American woman president; and

WHEREAS, since Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman to earn a medical degree in the United States in 1849, women physicians have made innumerable contributions to medicine in the areas of research, patient care, academic leadership and public health; and

WHEREAS, women physicians have contributed greatly to the health and well-being of all the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, women physicians continue to make their mark on medicine in all specialties and fields of the profession, and are having a growing impact on health care policy; and

WHEREAS, all of society has an interest in ensuring that gender inequities in medicine and within the physician workforce are remedied;

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, do hereby proclaim the week of January 19, 2020, to be

“Women in Medicine Week.”

Rochester residents are encouraged to recognize the accomplishments and contributions women in medicine have made and continue to make to advance the health and well-being of their patients, our communities, and the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 19th day of January, 2020.

Kim Norton, Mayor
City of Rochester, Minnesota