## **RESOLUTION NO. 4959**

## A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WHEREAS, March 8th is International Women's Day (IWD); and

WHEREAS, the seeds for IWD were planted in 1908 when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay, and the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1910, Clara Zetkin proposed an international day to honor women at an International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen. Zetkin's suggestion was unanimously approved by the 100 women, from 17 countries, in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the day was first celebrated in 1911 and made official internationally in 1975 when the United Nations recognized IWD; and

WHEREAS, the IWD theme for 2021 is "Choose to Challenge"; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, IWD coincides with Women's History Month (March), and a presidential proclamation is issued every year honoring the achievements of American women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the City of Fairbanks recognizes International Women's Day and honors the achievements of women in Fairbanks and around the world.

PASSED and APPROVED this 8th day of March 2021.

Jim Matherly, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA NAYS: None ABSENT: None APPROVED: March 8, 2021

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney