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## Mayor Jacobs to Recognize Women's History Month Throughout March

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*—Through a series of interviews, features and documentaries in March, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will recognize Women's History Month, which commemorates and encourages the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

In a 2-minute featurette released today, the Mayor talks about local women – from suffrage, to sports, to STEM, to entertainment and everything in between. To hear more about what was said, check out the <u>video</u>.

"Women's History Month isn't only about women's history – it's about telling the stories of the past to the girls who will become the future female firsts," Mayor Jacobs said. "It's about showing our young female citizens that they can do anything they dream of."

As part of his weekly small business series, Mayor Jacobs will focus on women-owned businesses with video interviews airing each Wednesdays on the county and Mayor's various social media platforms beginning March 10.

The schedule includes sit down discussions with Rachel Fletcher of Knox Upholstery; Christa Peterson of White Lace and Promises; Deana Hurd of Lulu's Team Room; and Debby Funk of Embroidery Boutique by Designs for You.

The Mayor also will highlight The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the only facility of its kind dedicated to all levels of women's basketball; and local Knoxville attorney Wanda Sobieski, who founded Sobieski, Messer & Associates in 1993. Sobieski, a vital part of city's legal, business and philanthropic community, also known for her advocacy to memorialize East Tennessee's role in the history of the movement for women's suffrage in America.

These video features – a part of the Mayor's "Knox Narratives" initiative – also will be published on the Mayor's various social media platforms during the second and fourth Thursday of March.

In addition, Knox County Public Library will co-host a trivia game with former Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero on March 22. Rogero was the city's first female Mayor, serving two terms from 2011 to 2019.