

## Proclamation

### Honoring

#### Orange High School's Female Athletes Women's History Month 2026

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month is observed each March to honor the generations of women whose courage, talent, and perseverance have shaped the fabric of American life in the arts, in science, in public service, and on the fields of athletic competition and whose legacy continues to inspire young women to pursue excellence in every arena; and

**WHEREAS**, the young women who compete as student athletes at Orange High School (OHS), embody the very spirit of Women's History Month—demonstrating daily that athletic achievement and academic dedication are not competing ambitions but complementary expressions of character, discipline, and heart; and

**WHEREAS**, OHS fields programs across a wide range of sports through which hundreds of young women each year discover their physical capabilities, forge lifelong bonds of teamwork, and develop the resilience that will serve them long after their final game; and

**WHEREAS**, the female student athletes of OHS have distinguished themselves not only in competition but in their communities and classrooms, carrying their school's tradition of excellence with pride and representing the City of Orange with grace and sportsmanship at every level of play; and

**WHEREAS**, the coaches, trainers, athletic directors, and faculty mentors of OHS have invested extraordinary care, expertise, and commitment in cultivating an environment where young women feel seen, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential understanding that the lessons of sport extend far beyond the scoreboard; and

**WHEREAS**, the pioneering women who fought for Title IX and equal opportunity in sport paved the way for every girl who laces up her cleats, pulls on her cap, or steps onto the court at Orange High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange takes immense pride in the young women of OHS who serve as role models for the next generation of girls in our community, proving that strength and grace are not opposites, that competition and kindness coexist, and that the pursuit of athletic excellence is itself a profound act of self-determination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel R. Slater, Mayor of the City of Orange**, and the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and celebrate March 2026 as Women's History Month and extend the sincerest appreciation for the female student athletes of Orange High School past and present.

**DATED** this 24th day of March 2026.