



WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month, commemorating the vast contributions women have made to Colorado and our nation; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, we celebrate what would have been the 180th birthday of Frances Wisebart Jacobs, Colorado's Mother of Charities, a dedicated woman leader who made an indelible mark on Colorado and was the driving force behind the creation of many of our state's iconic institutions and organizations, including Mile High United Way, Jewish Family Service of Colorado, and National Jewish Health, as well as Denver's first free kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Frances Wisebart Jacobs led four faith leaders in forming the Charity Organization Society, now known as Mile High United Way, demonstrating what is known widely today as Colorado's collaborative spirit; and

WHEREAS, we are celebrating Mile High United Way's 135th anniversary as the first United Way in the world, a movement that has grown to 1,800 chapters worldwide; and

WHEREAS, today, Mile High United Way, continuing the work of Frances Wisebart Jacobs, is a leader in making sure families across Metro Denver have the resources they need to thrive by giving all children a strong start, supporting education and academic success, and creating economic opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Frances Wisebart Jacobs is the only woman of 16 pioneers who is honored with a stained glass portrait in the Colorado Capitol Rotunda; and

WHEREAS, Frances Wisebart Jacobs' spirit of dedication, unity, and generosity lives on in the organizations she helped create and in the many Coloradans she has inspired;

Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2023 as

FRANCES WISEBART JACOBS DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-first day of March, 2023



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Jared Polis
Governor*