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Mayor Jacobs to Recognize Women's History Month Throughout March

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—In March, Knox County Glenn Jacobs will recognize Women's History Month with special interviews and features on women-owned businesses, modern-day suffragists, and a local county landmark.

"It is important we take time to celebrate the legacy and recognize the contributions of women here in Knox County and across the nation," said Mayor Jacobs. "I'm glad we have been able to have so many important conversations toward that end."

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

The first, which will be released March 16, features Courtney Peters and Rachel Casstevens, owners of Treetop Coffee. The other will be released on March 30 with Mayor Jacobs interviewing Joy Hamlett, founder of Bradley's Gift & Home.

The Mayor will also 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 the city's legal, business, and philanthropic community, is also known for her advocacy to memorialize East Tennessee's role in the history of the movement for women's suffrage in America.

These mini documentaries – a part of the Knox Narratives series – were put together last year. They, too, will be re-published on the Mayor's various social media platforms during the second and fourth weeks of March.

In addition, Knox County Public Library is featuring Women's History on its social media feeds throughout the month and has <u>recommended</u> books and movies that highlight women authors, filmmakers, and artists.