

Whereas Womansong has been an integral part of the Asheville community since 1987; and

Whereas Womansong is an important part of the cultural life of Asheville and its archives are available to the public as part of the N.C. Collection at Pack Memorial Library; and

Whereas Womansong provides a safe, nurturing community that fosters excellence in musical expression and is dedicated to the creativity of its members; and

Whereas Womansong chorus members affirm the goals of social justice and unity; and

Whereas Womansong supports local women in need of life-changing financial assistance through its New Start Program that since 1988 has awarded more than \$150,000 in college scholarships and emergency funds to women; and

Whereas Womansong values diversity, the empowerment of women, the power of music to unite and uplift, and the contribution of each member of the chorus; and

Whereas Womansong believes love to be at the heart of its music and of the Womansong community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Esther E. Manheimer, Mayor of the City of Asheville do hereby proclaim October 7, 2017 as

WOMANSONG DAY

in the City of Asheville, and call upon all citizens to celebrate the beauty of song and support Womansong in their mission to spread joy and harmony across Western North Carolina and empowering women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Asheville to be affixed this 26th day of September 2017.

ESTHER E. MANHEIMER
MAYOR