

WOMEN IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS, and MATHEMATICS (STEAM) PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Ada Lovelace, the first computer programmer, is internationally recognized for her contributions to computer science and technology during the month of October; and

Whereas, women make up less than one-quarter (24%) of those employed in science, technology, and engineering fields, and of the engineers and scientists represented in modern media, there are twice as many men than women; and

Whereas, “Let’s Go Full STEAM Ahead!” was founded to empower young women to pursue science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) careers through exposing young women to their potential within those fields; and

Whereas, Miss Augusta 2019, Sierra Marie Bonn, advocates for gender equality in STEAM fields and promotes STEAM education and engagement within classrooms, camps, college campuses, and with community partners; and

Whereas, young women who are exposed to inspiring and influential role models within STEAM fields are more likely to pursue a career in STEAM; and

Whereas, Augusta is committed to honor women who have made inspiring contributions to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics to encourage our young women to make the world a better place through highlighting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike L. Rawlings, serving as mayor of Augusta, Kansas, do hereby proclaim the third week of October as

Women in STEAM Week

where trailblazing women in STEAM fields are honored and highlighted, to inspire future influential women in Augusta and beyond.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Augusta, Kansas, to be affixed this 15th day of October 2018.

Mike L. Rawlings, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erica Jones, City Clerk