

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Soroptimist organization, founded on October 3, 1921, works to economically empower women and girls through access to education, and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Ashland was formed in 1946, and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Ashland has been an integral part of the Ashland community for the past 75 years, and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Ashland has improved the lives of Ashland's women and girls by:

- Annually disbursing Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards® to local women to help them with the education and training they need to improve their employment prospects and economic standing
- Awarding scholarships to young women graduating from Ashland and Phoenix High Schools and scholarships for young women attending Southern Oregon University
- Sponsoring Soroptimist Strong Girls Strong Women at Helman Elementary School for over ten years, providing Lunch Buddy mentors, STEM and career education
- Making grants to local health care organizations to support women's health

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Julie Akins, Mayor of Ashland do hereby proclaim, June 12, 2021, Soroptimist International of Ashland Day throughout Ashland and October 3, 2021 as Soroptimist International Day.

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Julie Akins, Mayor

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Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder