

Dear neighbors,

Happy March!



Every year, March is designated **Women's History Month** by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Women's History Month actually began as a local week-long celebration in Santa Rosa, California, where the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women planned and celebrated "Women's History Week" in 1978.

The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day, and the movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History

Week.

Around the District



The Office of the State Fire Commissioner recently awarded about $64,437 to equip firefighters and EMS providers with the **resources to respond to emergencies in the city of York and surrounding region.**

The fire companies serving the 95th Legislative District that received grants are:

City of York Dept. of Fire Rescue Services - $16,952.
Reliance Fire Co. - $13,451.
Victory Fire Co. No. 2 - $14,034.
York Area United Fire & Rescue - $20,000.

The grants are from the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program, administered by the OSFC and authorized by Act 91 of 2020 until June 30, 2024.

Advocating for state financial help for our local fire and EMS companies is among the top of my priorities with every new state budget. I'm honored to support our selfless first responders in this way, but it's time we make this funding more dependable and predictable, so they're not playing guessing games with their own budgets each year.

This is one of the reasons **I joined the new bipartisan Firefighters & EMS Caucus** – I'm anxious to get to work on these solutions with my colleagues right away.

Happy Dominican Independence Day! Members of the Dominican community visited York City Hall on Tuesday to hear Mayor Helfrich read a Proclamation recognizing Dominican Republic Independence Day.



The Dominican Republic won its independence from Haiti in 1844 after more than two decades. Their ongoing cultural ties greatly enrich our wonderfully diverse city!

You may help continue the celebration this **Saturday, March 2** at the **York Revolution**, 5 Brooks Robinson Way, York PA, 17401 from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Around the Capital

2024-25 Budget Proposal

I have returned to Harrisburg to further discuss Gov. Josh Shapiro's 2024-25 budget address with my colleagues to see how we can better serve our commonwealth. Here are some of the key budget priorities for the upcoming year:

- Invests in education at every level.
- Advances Pennsylvania's economic development and competitiveness through business, agriculture, and workforce investments.
- Keeps Pennsylvanians safe.
- Supports healthy communities and the most vulnerable.
- Expands critical services for our veterans and active military.

Last year I worked with Gov. Shapiro to make a good thing even better, and I look forward to continuing that success this year.

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The **Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** has delivered millions of dollars in rebates to people in 95th District – and I fought and won to make more people eligible and increase the top refund to $1,000.

If you have questions about your eligibility and/or how to **apply for a rebate**, please contact my office at 717-848-9595!





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When working parents paying for childcare or people paying for care for a loved one who's elderly or living with a disability file their taxes, they can get more money back in their pockets thanks to a law I fought to deliver. The **Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit** is money back for dependent care expenses – helping to make sure family members who can't take care of themselves have safe and reliable care.





These are just a few state programs that are cutting costs for working families and older friends & neighbors. If you have any questions regarding state related programs, please feel free to contact

my office at 717.848.9595 to see how we can assist.

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York leaders were among those who headed to the Governor's Residence for the annual **Black History Month celebration** Wednesday night.

Hundreds joined the celebration hosted by Gov. Shapiro and Lt. Gov. Austin Davis.







Supporting Cheyney University



I joined multiple other state officials at Cheyney University last Friday **to protest an unjust decision** by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to place the university on probation last November.

The university has since implemented a new student information system and strategy to improve compliance in Title IV student aid and received federal Title IV recertification through June 2026.

Governor Shapiro agrees MSCHE's decision should be reversed, writing in a letter:

"Given the University's close work with the commission's liaison and clear progress over the past several years, I believe the Middle States erred in its hasty decision to place Cheyney on probationary status without rationale and without warning."

The university remains accredited currently despite the probationary status, and we will keep fighting for equal opportunities for all schools and universities.

My Upcoming Events

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Save the Date! Wednesday March 13th will be my annual **Women's History Month Tea and Resource Fair!**

The event will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church at 11 N. Richland Ave. from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Please RSVP** by calling our office at 717-848-9595 or by emailing DMinaya@pahouse.net.

We hope to see you there!

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Community Events

THE ELD DEPARTMENT & FERGUSON K-8
PRESENTS

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR PARENTS

MARCH 6TH FROM 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



FOOD PROVIDED WITH RSVP

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TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024
1ST CLASS STARTS AT 2:00PM & 2ND CLASS STARTS @ 6:00PM
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