

## Congressional Resolution Designating March

### *Women's History Month*



**WHEREAS** American women of every culture, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**WHEREAS** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**WHEREAS** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**WHEREAS** American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

**WHEREAS** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**WHEREAS** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement which creates a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American History;

**NOW**, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that March is designated as “Women’s History Month.” The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation for each of these months, calling upon the people of the United States to observe those months with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

