

Introduced by Senator Jackson

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Senate Resolution No. 64—Relative to Women’s History Month.

1 WHEREAS, American women of every culture, class, and ethnic
2 background have participated in the founding and building of our
3 nation, made historic contributions to the growth and strength of
4 our nation, and played a critical role in shaping the economic,
5 cultural, and social fabric of our society, not in the least of ways
6 through their participation in the labor force, working both inside
7 and outside the home; and

8 WHEREAS, Women have been leaders in every movement for
9 social change, including their own movement for suffrage and
10 equal rights, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize
11 labor unions, and the Civil Rights Movement, as well as leading
12 the call for peace and organizing to preserve the environment; and

13 WHEREAS, In light of these efforts and the achievements of
14 all American women, we take this opportunity to honor women
15 and their contributions to the development of our society and our
16 world; and

17 WHEREAS, The celebration of Women’s History Month will
18 provide an opportunity for schools and communities to focus
19 attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the women
20 of California and the United States, and for students, in particular,
21 to benefit from an awareness of these contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, Women’s History Month will be not only a call to
23 acknowledge the outstanding American women whose names we
24 know, but also a call to pay homage to the many women who have
25 anonymously shaped our collective past; and

1 WHEREAS, The observance of Women's History Week was
2 initiated by the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of
3 Women in 1977, a celebration that evolved into Women's History
4 Month, commemorated throughout the nation by schools,
5 historians, and community groups; and

6 WHEREAS, The achievements of women who have gone before
7 us will enable contemporary women and men to create tomorrow's
8 history by working toward an end to physical and sexual violence
9 against women, discrimination and harassment in employment,
10 and the relegation to poverty status of many women, and by
11 advocating for the full participation of women in the economic
12 and political arena, the provision of adequate child care, respect
13 for those who choose homemaking and motherhood as their career,
14 and equal access to all of the opportunities this great nation has to
15 offer; and

16 WHEREAS, The story of the Women's Rights Movement
17 deserves telling because of the significance and scope of women's
18 role in making history and shaping the cultural and societal makeup
19 of California and the United States, and because it is a rich part of
20 our common heritage, a story of gallantry and devotion to the belief
21 that the opportunity for complete human dignity should not be
22 denied to one-half of the state and the nation; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
25 of the State of California takes pleasure in joining the California
26 Commission on the Status of Women and Girls in honoring the
27 contributions of women, and proclaims the month of March 2016
28 as Women's History Month; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
30 this resolution to the Chair of the California State Legislative
31 Women's Caucus and to the Chair of the California Commission
32 on the Status of Women and Girls for distribution to appropriate
33 organizations.