

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 46

Introduced by Assembly Member Saldana
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 46—Relative to Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 46, as introduced, Saldana. Women’s History Month and International Women’s Day.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2009 as Women’s History Month and urge all Californians to join in the celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2009.

Fiscal committee: no.

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

1 WHEREAS, In light of these efforts and the achievements of
2 all American women, we take this opportunity to honor women
3 and their contribution to the development of our society and our
4 world; and

5 WHEREAS, The celebration of Women's History Month will
6 provide an opportunity for schools and communities to focus
7 attention on the historical role and accomplishments of the women
8 of California and the United States, and for students, in particular,
9 to benefit from an awareness of these contributions; and

10 WHEREAS, Women's History Month will include International
11 Women's Day on March 8, which was originally proclaimed in
12 1910 to recognize and commemorate the valuable contributions
13 women have made to the labor movement in improving working
14 conditions, and thus bettering people's lives; and

15 WHEREAS, Women's History Month will be not only a call to
16 acknowledge the outstanding American women whose names we
17 know, but also a call to pay homage to the many women who have
18 anonymously shaped our collective past; and

19 WHEREAS, The achievements of women who have gone before
20 us will enable contemporary women and men to create tomorrow's
21 history by working toward an end to physical and sexual violence
22 against women, discrimination and harassment in employment,
23 and the relegation to poverty status of many women, and by
24 advocating for the full participation of women in the economic
25 and political arena, the provision of adequate child care, respect
26 for those who choose homemaking and motherhood as their career,
27 and equal access to all of the opportunities this great nation has to
28 offer; and

29 WHEREAS, The story of the women's rights movement
30 deserves telling because of the significance and scope of women's
31 role in making history and shaping the cultural and societal makeup
32 of California and the United States, and because it is a rich part of
33 our common heritage, a story of gallantry and devotion to the belief
34 that the opportunity for complete human dignity should not be
35 denied to one-half of the state and the nation; now, therefore, be
36 it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
38 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature of the State of California
39 proclaims the month of March 2009 as Women's History Month

1 and urges all Californians to join in the celebration of International
2 Women's Day on March 8, 2009; and be it further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Chair of the California Legislative
5 Women's Caucus for distribution to appropriate organizations.

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