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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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KIM, CERRATO, KHAN, GUENST, PROBST, VITALI, HOWARD, GIRAL,  
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KINKEAD, STURLA, SHUSTERMAN, DALEY, JOZWIAK AND O'MARA,  
JANUARY 31, 2024

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT, JANUARY 31, 2024

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2024 as "Women's History Month"  
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Women of every race, class and ethnic background  
4 have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of  
5 the nation and the world in countless recorded and unrecorded  
6 ways; and

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

11 WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the  
12 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural  
13 institutions in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, securing their own  
15 rights of suffrage and equal opportunity; and

16 WHEREAS, Through their contributions to the abolitionist

1 movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor  
2 movement, the civil rights movement and especially the peace  
3 movement, American women have created a more fair and just  
4 society for all; and

5 WHEREAS, After the American Revolution, the notion of  
6 education as a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for  
7 women to gain a basic education only; and

8 WHEREAS, Pioneers of secondary education for young women  
9 faced arguments from physicians and others that females were  
10 incapable of intellectual development equal to that of men and  
11 would be harmed by striving for it; and

12 WHEREAS, Women's commitment to educational equality  
13 throughout academia has resulted in their involvement and  
14 ascension in politics and government; and

15 WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project began with a  
16 proclamation by President Jimmy Carter that declared the week of  
17 March 8, 1980, as the first "National Women's History Week"; and

18 WHEREAS, Against social conventions and legal constraints,  
19 women have created a legacy that broadens the frontiers of  
20 possibility for future generations; and

21 WHEREAS, Women have demonstrated their character, courage and  
22 commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, relief  
23 workers, CEOs and leaders in business, politics, religion and  
24 their communities; and

25 WHEREAS, Women's lives and work inspire girls and women to  
26 achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to  
27 respect the diversity and depth of women's experience; and

28 WHEREAS, Thousands of events are occurring to mark the  
29 economic, political and social achievements of women as  
30 organizations, governments, charities, educational institutions,

1 women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, "Women's History Month" is an ideal venue for all  
4 Pennsylvanians to reflect on women's struggle for equal  
5 educational rights and their significant contributions to this  
6 Commonwealth and the nation; and

7 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of March 2024 as "Women's  
8 History Month" highlights the achievements of the women across  
9 this Commonwealth and the nation who have created a more fair  
10 and just society for all people; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
12 month of March 2024 as "Women's History Month" in Pennsylvania  
13 and invite the women, men and children of this Commonwealth to  
14 explore the critical economic, cultural and social roles women  
15 have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in this  
16 Commonwealth and the nation.