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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ORIE, BAKER, BOSCOLA, KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, VANCE,
WARD, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, ARGALL, BLAKE, BREWSTER, BROWNE,
BRUBAKER, COSTA, DINNIMAN, ERICKSON, FARNESE, FERLO, FOLMER,
FONTANA, GREENLEAF, HUGHES, KASUNIC, LEACH, McILHINNEY,
PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, ROBBINS, SOLOBAY, STACK, VOGEL,
WAUGH, D. WHITE, YAW AND YUDICHAK, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 2012 as "Women's History Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

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

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

10 WHEREAS, Women have played a unique role throughout the
11 history of this nation by providing the majority of the
12 volunteer labor force; and

13 WHEREAS, Women were particularly important in the
14 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural
15 institutions in this nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Women of every race, class and ethnic background

served as early leaders in the forefront of every major
progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing the
rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the
abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial
labor movement and the civil rights movement, all of which
created a fair and more just society for all; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Baker, Lisa M. Boscola, Jane M. Earll, Shirley
M. Kitchen, Jane C. Orie, Judith L. Schwank, Christine M.
Tartaglione, Patricia H. Vance, Kim L. Ward, LeAnna M.
Washington and Mary Jo White have earned recognition for public
service as members of the Senate of this Commonwealth,
comprising 22% of its membership; and

WHEREAS, Louise Williams Bishop, Karen Boback, Michele
Brooks, Rosemary M. Brown, Vanessa Lowery Brown, Michelle F.
Brownlee, Linda Schlegel Culver, Margo L. Davidson, Tina M.
Davis, Pamela A. DeLissio, Sheryl M. Delozier, Maria P.
Donatucci, Mauree Gingrich, Marcia M. Hahn, Julie Harhart, Kate
Harper, Susan C. Helm, Babette Josephs, Deberah Kula, Sandra
Major, Jennifer Mann, Phyllis Mundy, Donna Oberlander, Cherelle
L. Parker, Tina Pickett, Marguerite Quinn, Kathy L. Rapp,
RoseMarie Swanger, Marcy Toepel, Tarah Toohil, Katherine M.
Watson and Rosita C. Youngblood have earned recognition for
public service as members of the House of Representatives,
comprising nearly 16% of its membership; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Carol Aichele;
Secretary of General Services, Sheri Phillips; Director of
Planning and Policy, Jennifer Branstetter; Inspector General,
Kenya Mann Fulkner; Secretary of Labor and Industry, Julia K.
Hearthway; Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Annmarie Kaiser;

1 Secretary of Administration, Kelly Powell Logan; Supreme Court
2 Justice Joan Orie Melvin; Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd;
3 President Judge Emeritus of the Superior Court, Kate Ford
4 Elliott; Superior Court Judge Cheryl Lynn Allen; Superior Court
5 Judge Mary Jane Bowes; Superior Court Judge Christine L.
6 Donohue; Superior Court Judge Susan Peikes Gantman; Superior
7 Court Judge Anne E. Lazarus; Superior Court Judge Sallie Updyke
8 Mundy; Superior Court Judge Judith Ference Olson; Superior Court
9 Judge Paula Francisco Ott; and Superior Court Judge Jacqueline
10 O. Shogan; President Judge of the Commonwealth Court, Bonnie
11 Brigance Leadbetter; Commonwealth Court Judge Anne Covey;
12 Commonwealth Court Judge Rochelle S. Friedman; Commonwealth
13 Court Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer; Commonwealth Court Judge Mary
14 Hannah Leavitt; and Commonwealth Judge Patricia A. McCullough
15 are all women who hold prominent positions in State government;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women in
18 history has often been overlooked and undervalued in the
19 literature, teaching and study of American history; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1987, and each successive year thereafter, the
21 Congress of the United States has declared March as "National
22 Women's History Month"; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize March 2012 as "Women's
24 History Month" in Pennsylvania.