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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 16, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2020 as "National Women's History
2 Month" 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, Despite these contributions, the role of women in
6 history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the
7 literature, teaching and study of American and world history;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, After the American Revolution, the notion of
10 education as a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for
11 women to gain a basic education only; and

12 WHEREAS, Pioneers of secondary education for young women
13 faced arguments from physicians and others that females were
14 incapable of intellectual development equal to that of men and
15 would be harmed by striving for it; and

16 WHEREAS, Women's commitment to educational equality
17 throughout academia has resulted in their involvement and
18 ascension in politics and government; and

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

22 WHEREAS, This year, the theme for "National Women's History
23 Month," "Valiant Women of the Vote," honors "the brave women who
24 have fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women
25 who continue to fight for the voting rights of others"; and

26 WHEREAS, Against social conventions and legal constraints,
27 women have created a legacy that broadens the frontiers of
28 possibility for future generations; and

29 WHEREAS, Women have demonstrated their character, courage and
30 commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, relief

1 workers, CEOs and leaders in business, politics, religion and
2 their communities; and

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

6 WHEREAS, The vast array of communication channels, supportive
7 spokespeople, equality research, campaigns and corporate
8 responsibility initiatives means that everyone can be an
9 advocate inspiring change for women's advancement; and

10 WHEREAS, Thousands of events are occurring to mark the
11 economic, political and social achievements of women as
12 organizations, governments, charities, educational institutions,
13 women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, "National Women's History Month" observances are
16 ideal venues for all Pennsylvanians to reflect on women's
17 struggle for equal educational rights and their significant
18 contributions to this Commonwealth and the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of March 2020 as "National
20 Women's History Month" highlights the achievements of the women
21 across this Commonwealth and the nation who have created a more
22 fair and just society for all people; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
24 month of March 2020 as "National Women's History Month" in
25 Pennsylvania and invite the women, men and children of this
26 Commonwealth to explore the critical economic, cultural and
27 social roles women have played and continue to play in every
28 sphere of life in this Commonwealth and the nation.