



**Resolution No. 2024/25-47**

**Date: February 26, 2025**

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## **Resolution Recognizing March 2025 As National Women's History Month**

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, CA by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (CA) Commission on the Status of Women which implemented a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, a consortium of women's groups and historians led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance) lobbied in 1980 for national recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 as National Women's History Week; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987 the United States Congress passed a resolution annually to proclaim March as Women's History Month in order to recognize these many crucial contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic and significant contributions to the growth and strength of our nation and state in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of the life of the nation and our state by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the nation and state; and

**WHEREAS**, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our nation and state; and

**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 served our country courageously in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these contributions, the role of American women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa City Schools District and the community also recognize the importance of understanding the history of this area, particularly with regard to honoring the significant and longstanding contributions women have made in this Nation and in California; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Governing Board of Santa Rosa City Schools District that March is designated as Women’s History Month and that SRCS calls upon the schools, staff, students, and families to observe March as Women’s History Month by celebrating and recognizing the countless contributions made by women throughout history.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Santa Rosa City Schools District on the 26th day of February, 2025.

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Jeremy De La Torre, Clerk of the Board

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