



Resolution No. 2023/24-37

Date: February 28, 2024

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Resolution Recognizing March 2024 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 28th day of February, 2024.

Roxanne McNally, Clerk of the Board

Date