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**SENATE RESOLUTION 25-007**

101     **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2025 AS "WOMEN'S**  
102             **HISTORY MONTH" IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
103             **THEREWITH, ACKNOWLEDGING THE COUNTLESS**  
104             **CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WOMEN HAVE MADE IN HISTORY AND TO**  
105             **CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.**

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1             WHEREAS, Women's History Month is an annual celebration in  
2     March to recognize and honor the profound and enduring contributions  
3     that women have made throughout history in every sphere of life; women  
4     have been leaders every step of the way, securing their own rights of  
5     suffrage and equal opportunity; and

6             WHEREAS, Through their contributions to the abolitionist  
7     movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement,  
8     the civil rights movement, and especially the peace movement, women  
9     have worked to create a more fair and just society for all; and

10            WHEREAS, March 8 is International Women's Day, a global  
11     celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements  
12     of women, and a call to action for advancing gender equality worldwide;

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SENATE  
Final Reading  
March 12, 2025

1       and

2               WHEREAS, Women have played a critical role in shaping history,  
3       from warriors to world leaders, artists to activists, educators to  
4       entrepreneurs, and scientists to social reformers, and their stories are  
5       often untold or underrepresented; and

6               WHEREAS, March 25 is Equal Pay Day, and is used to raise  
7       awareness about the ongoing gender pay gap and how the pay gap varies  
8       significantly among different communities, particularly for women of  
9       color; and

10              WHEREAS, Women and girls contribute to every sector of society  
11       and deserve to have their rights and opportunities protected and enhanced  
12       regardless of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or  
13       socioeconomic background; and

14              WHEREAS, Throughout history, women have fought tirelessly for  
15       equal rights, justice, and recognition, often overcoming systemic barriers,  
16       prejudice, and inequality to create lasting social change, and have  
17       exemplified extraordinary courage and resilience, breaking barriers and  
18       leaving legacies that continue to inspire generations of women around the  
19       world, and working tirelessly to ensure that the doors opened by those  
20       who came before us remain open for the next generation of women  
21       leaders, thinkers, and changemakers; and

22              WHEREAS, Women have made significant strides in economic  
23       empowerment, establishing businesses, securing wealth, and leading  
24       industries, while challenging societal norms and expanding economic  
25       opportunities for women of all races and backgrounds, and have  
26       demonstrated leadership, ingenuity, and persistence in achieving success;  
27       and

28              WHEREAS, Colorado was the first state to give women the right  
29       to vote through a popular election, and the first state to swear women into  
30       the General Assembly, and Colorado women have always been at the  
31       forefront of political and civic engagement, advocating for the rights of  
32       all people and shaping state policy. The first women elected to the  
33       Colorado General Assembly were Clara Cressingham, Frances S. Klock,  
34       and Carrie C. Holly; and

35              WHEREAS, Past women of distinction and honorable mention

1 within the Colorado General Assembly include Arie Parks Taylor, the  
2 first African American woman elected to the Colorado General  
3 Assembly; Polly Baca, the first minority woman and first Latina elected  
4 to the Colorado State Senate, the first Latina in the nation to serve in both  
5 the House of Representatives and the Senate of her state legislature, and  
6 the first Latina to serve in leadership in any state legislature within the  
7 United States; and Norma Anderson, the first woman to serve as Majority  
8 Leader in both the Colorado House of Representatives and the Colorado  
9 State Senate; and

10 WHEREAS, Women legislators play a vital role in addressing  
11 difficult social and economic issues and helping our country and the state  
12 of Colorado prepare for the future, and Colorado currently has 52 women  
13 serving in the General Assembly, which is the largest number of women  
14 in the legislature in Colorado's history; and women make up almost 60%  
15 of the membership of the House of Representatives; now, therefore,

16 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*  
17 *of the State of Colorado:*

18 (1) That we, the Colorado Senate, hereby honor the achievements,  
19 contributions, and resilience of women throughout history, celebrating the  
20 strength, wisdom, and courage of all women who have shaped our world;  
21 and

22 (2) That we encourage the continued celebration of Women's  
23 History Month as a means to reflect on the achievements of women past,  
24 present, and future, and to inspire ongoing efforts toward a future in  
25 which gender equality is fully realized, in which every woman has the  
26 opportunity to succeed, and in which the power of women's voices is  
27 valued and respected in every corner of Colorado; and

28 (3) That we commit to advancing the goals of women's  
29 empowerment, education, and equality by continuing to support policies  
30 that eliminate barriers to opportunity, recognizing the indispensable role  
31 that women play in building thriving economies, vibrant communities,  
32 and peaceful societies; and

33 (4) That we recognize that while we have made significant  
34 progress, there is much work left to be done to create a world where every  
35 woman, regardless of her background, race, or circumstance, has the  
36 opportunity to reach her fullest potential, and that we commit to a future

1 in which the contributions of women are valued, celebrated, and reflected  
2 in every aspect of society-today, tomorrow, and always.

3 *Be It Further Resolved,* That we, the Colorado Senate, recognize  
4 the month of March 2025 as "Women's History Month" in Colorado and  
5 invite the people of this state to explore the critical economic, cultural,  
6 and social roles that women have played and continue to play in every  
7 sphere of life in Colorado and in the United States.