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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.**

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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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.