

1 A RESOLUTION celebrating March as Women's History Month.

2 WHEREAS, this honorable body recognizes, commends, and appreciates the  
3 countless contributions that have been made by women, daughters of this  
4 Commonwealth, to this great state and nation; and

5 WHEREAS, the international celebration of the economic, political, and social  
6 achievements of women first occurred in 1911. Women's History Month was established  
7 in 1987 by Congress to honor the extraordinary achievements of American women each  
8 year; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1923, the Honorable Emma Guy Cromwell was the first woman to  
10 be elected to the position of Kentucky Secretary of State. The former Secretary of State  
11 later served as the State Treasurer and was appointed Director of Kentucky's state parks;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in 1975, the Honorable Thelma L. Stovall was the first woman to hold  
14 the elected position of Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky. The former Lieutenant  
15 Governor later served in the appointed position of Kentucky State's Commissioner of  
16 Labor; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1921, the late Representative Mary Elliott Flanery was the first  
18 woman to be elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives and the first woman  
19 elected to a state legislature south of the Mason-Dixon line; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1961, the late Representative Amelia Moore Tucker was the first  
21 African American woman to be elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives.  
22 Representative Amelia Moore Tucker served on President Nixon's advisory council on  
23 ethnic groups; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1967, the late Senator Georgia Davis Powers was the first African  
25 American and first woman to be elected to the Kentucky Senate. Senator Georgia Davis  
26 Powers served in the General Assembly for 21 years; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1983, the Honorable Martha Layne Collins was the first woman to

1 be elected as Governor of the Commonwealth, and remains the only woman to have been  
2 elected Kentucky's Governor. The former Governor focused on economic and educational  
3 development to benefit the lives of Kentuckians; and

4 WHEREAS, some of the most notable contributions made by women in the  
5 Commonwealth impacted the lives of Kentucky citizens through more outlets than state  
6 and local government positions; and

7 WHEREAS, the late Winnie A. Scott served as chairwoman of the board of  
8 directors for the Women's Improvement Club Hospital, later renamed the Winnie A. Scott  
9 Hospital. The hospital was the only hospital in Frankfort that would accommodate  
10 African Americans until desegregation took place in 1959; and

11 WHEREAS, the late Verna Mae Slone was a source of pride to all people of the  
12 Appalachian Mountains and eastern Kentucky through her art and writings. Commonly  
13 known as the Grandma Moses of the Mountains, Verna Mae Slone illustrated the honor  
14 of all descendants of the mountains of Kentucky; and

15 WHEREAS, this honorable body acknowledges the role of all women in the  
16 development of this Commonwealth and their lasting legacies that have been left for all  
17 of the sons and daughters of Kentucky;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
20 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

21 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes the historical importance of  
22 Women's History Month and urges all Kentuckians to celebrate the contributions women  
23 have made in this Commonwealth.

24 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
25 honor of the many women who have admirably served and represented this  
26 Commonwealth, including but not limited to the Honorable Emma Guy Cromwell,  
27 Thelma L. Stovall, Mary Elliott Flanery, Amelia Moore Tucker, Georgia Davis Powers,

1 Martha Layne Collins, Winnie A. Scott, and Verna Mae Slone. The House of  
2 Representatives further salutes the vital role that women have played in the course of  
3 human civilization.