

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March as Women's History Month in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this honorable body recognize the many
3 contributions women have made to this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, women of every race, class, ethnic, and religious background have
5 fostered the growth and strength of our Commonwealth in countless recorded and
6 unrecorded ways, and in acknowledgement of this the members of this august body pause
7 on this day to recognize Women's History Month in Kentucky and to commend all those
8 women who have made profound and significant contributions to the fabric of the
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout history women have served as the backbone of our society,
11 including the marching of suffragists who were ultimately successful in achieving the
12 enactment of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which
13 provides, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or
14 abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"; and

15 WHEREAS, women have made tremendous strides in all facets of culture, finance,
16 education, and civic life in Kentucky; and

17 WHEREAS, women make up more than 55 percent of Kentucky's labor force, and
18 more than a quarter of Kentucky's businesses are owned by women; and

19 WHEREAS, in the field of education, female students have made tremendous
20 progress over the past decade, improving the rate at which they obtain bachelor's degrees
21 by more than ten percent. In science, engineering, technology, and mathematics fields in
22 Kentucky, women make up more than a quarter of the workforce, a number that has
23 improved substantially since 2000; and

24 WHEREAS, these achievements were set in motion years ago by courageous,
25 determined women who changed history through their intelligence, strength, and
26 perseverance; and

27 WHEREAS, women like Senator Georgia Powers, who in 1968 became the first

1 African American, man or woman, to hold a seat in the Kentucky Senate, and like
2 Louisville's Suzy Post, who made incredible strides toward equality and civil rights, have
3 made profound contributions to society and have bettered their communities through their
4 relentless pursuit of the greater good; and

5 WHEREAS, despite considerable progress, this body acknowledges that women in
6 the Commonwealth continue to experience barriers on the basis of sex, and that these
7 barriers are an indelible part of the difficulty women, particularly women of minority
8 status, have had in claiming true equality; and

9 WHEREAS, it is important also to acknowledge the contributions of generations of
10 unheralded women, including those indigenous women whose names are unknown and
11 whose stories are untold but who have been essential to a just, prosperous, and equitable
12 Kentucky;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
15 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

16 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby recognizes March as Women's
17 History Month in Kentucky.

18 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives recognizes the historical importance of
19 Women's History Month in Kentucky and urges all Kentuckians to celebrate the
20 contributions women have made to this Commonwealth.

21 ➔Section 3. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
22 honor of Women's History Month in Kentucky and of the more than two million women
23 living in this Commonwealth.

24 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
25 copy of this Resolution to Representative Lisa Willner.