

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-015

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2024 AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ACKNOWLEDGING THE COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS WOMEN HAVE MADE IN HISTORY AND TO CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of both the nation and the world in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played, and continue to play, a critical economic, cultural, and societal role in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force, lending their energy to work inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, Particularly vital in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in America, women have been leaders every step of the way, securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity; and WHEREAS, Through their contributions to the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and especially the peace movement, American women have worked to create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, After the American Revolution, the notion of education as a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for women to gain a basic education only; and

WHEREAS, Pioneers of secondary education for young women faced arguments from physicians and others that women were incapable of intellectual development equal to that of men and would be harmed by striving for it; and

WHEREAS, The commitment to educational equality by women throughout academia has resulted in their involvement and ascension in politics and government; and

WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project, now known as the National Women's History Alliance, began with a proclamation by former United States President Jimmy Carter that declared the week of March 8, 1980, as the first "National Women's History Week"; and

WHEREAS, Against social conventions and legal constraints, women have created a legacy that broadens the frontiers of possibility for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Women have demonstrated their character, courage, and commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, relief workers, CEOs, and leaders in business, politics, religion, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, The lives and work of women inspire girls and other women to achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women's experiences; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of events are occurring to mark the economic, political, and social achievements of women as organizations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups,

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corporations, and the media celebrate the month; and

WHEREAS, "Women's History Month" is an ideal platform for all Coloradans to reflect on women's struggle for equal educational rights and on their significant contributions to this state and to the nation; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of March 2024 as "Women's History Month" in Colorado highlights the achievements of the women across this state and the nation who have created a more fair and just society for all people; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the Colorado General Assembly, recognize the month of March 2024 as "Women's History Month" in Colorado and invite the people of this state to explore the critical economic, cultural, and social

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roles women have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in Colorado and in America.

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