

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March as Women's History Month and urging all
2 Alaskans to join in the celebration of International Women's Day on March 8,
3 2000.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

5 WHEREAS women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant
6 contributions to the founding and building of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS women have played a crucial role in the formation of the economic,
8 cultural, and social fabric of our society through their work both inside and outside the home;
9 and

10 WHEREAS American women have played an integral role in every movement in the
11 United States involving social change, including the suffrage movement, the equal rights
12 movement, the fight for emancipation, the struggle to organize labor unions, the civil rights
13 movement, and the peace movement, which has created a fairer and more just society for all
14 citizens; and

15 WHEREAS the achievements of women who have gone before will enable the men
16 and women of today to positively affect tomorrow's history by working to end physical and

1 sexual violence, discrimination and harassment in employment, and the relegation to poverty
2 status of many women, and by advocating for the full economic and political participation of
3 women, the provision of adequate child care, respect for those who choose homemaking and
4 motherhood as their careers, and equal access to all of the opportunities this great nation has
5 to offer; and

6 **WHEREAS** the story of the women’s rights movement is a valued part of the heritage
7 of the United States and Alaska, a story of gallantry and devotion to the belief that the
8 opportunity for complete human dignity should be granted to all citizens; and

9 **WHEREAS** women have tirelessly, yet joyfully, been the bearers of life and nurturers
10 of our children, the homemakers and uncompensated attendants to aches, pains, and tears, our
11 greatest fans for every step forward we have taken, and above all, an essential component of
12 the family unit, supplying strength, diligence, courage, and everlasting support; and

13 **WHEREAS** women’s history month will provide an opportunity for communities of
14 women in Alaska and the United States, and for students in particular, to benefit from an
15 awareness of all these varied contributions; and

16 **WHEREAS** International Women’s Day was originally proclaimed in 1910 to
17 recognize and commemorate the valuable contributions of women in the labor movement to
18 improving working conditions, and thus bettering people’s lives; and

19 **WHEREAS** Women’s History Month will be a call not only to acknowledge the
20 outstanding American women whose names we know, but also to pay homage to the many
21 women who have anonymously shaped our collective past; and

22 **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature honors the contributions of women;

23 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature, with great pride, designates the
24 month of March 2000 as Women’s History Month; and be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Governor to
26 issue a proclamation calling on the people of the state to observe the month with appropriate
27 programs, ceremonies, and activities; and be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges all Alaskans to join
29 in the celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2000.