

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19 am
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 women have actively participated in the defense of our country; and

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

16 WHEREAS the achievements of women who have gone before will enable the men

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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