

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

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

3 WHEREAS American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made
4 significant contributions to the growth and strength of our country; and

5 WHEREAS American women have performed and continue to perform important
6 cultural, economic, and social roles in every domain of society by constituting a large portion
7 of the labor force inside and outside the home; and

8 WHEREAS American women have provided the majority of the volunteer labor force
9 of the nation and established many of the longstanding charitable, philanthropic, and cultural
10 institutions in America; and

11 WHEREAS American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as
12 leaders of every major social change crusade throughout our country's history, such as the
13 suffrage, equal opportunity, abolitionist, labor, civil rights, and peace movements; and

14 WHEREAS, in spite of these contributions, traditional history texts and courses have
15 focused primarily on political, military, and economic events, virtually excluding women from
16 being recognized in proper historical context; and

17 WHEREAS by expanding the focus of history in the curriculum to include the

1 activities and contributions of women in this country from all walks of life, we give to
2 children, male and female alike, expectations that match the realities of the world they will
3 face as adults;

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature designates March as "Women's
5 History Month" and

6 (1) urges schools, municipalities, civic organizations, and other public and
7 private agencies and individuals to observe the month with activities that are appropriate for
8 increasing recognition of the role of women in both the history and current events of our
9 country; and

10 (2) requests the Governor to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the
11 state to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.