

PROCLAMATION

National Women's History Month

March 16, 2016

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

WHEREAS, In 1981, Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week"; and

WHEREAS, In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month"; and

WHEREAS, Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month"; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of 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 social role in every sphere of the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the nation; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, all of which created a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, The year 2016 marks the 36th anniversary of the National Women's History Project; and

WHEREAS, This year, the theme for National Women's History Month is "Working To Form A More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service & Government," to honor women who have shaped America's history and its future through their public service and government leadership; and

WHEREAS, National Women's History Month is an ideal venue for all Lancasterians to reflect and recognize women's struggle to obtain equal educational rights and to highlight the numerous contributions of women across this County, Commonwealth and Nation including the ever increasing role women play in our armed forces;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, that the County of Lancaster does hereby celebrate the month of March, 2016 as -----
National Women's History Month-----
in Lancaster County and invite the women, men and children of Lancaster County to continue to explore the critical economic, cultural and social roles women have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in this County, Commonwealth and Nation.

Dennis P. Stuckey, Chairman

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