



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 133

March 13, 2012 – Introduced by Representative ZAMARRIPA, cosponsored by Senator TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming women’s history month.

2 Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have
3 made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless
4 recorded and unrecorded ways; and

5 Whereas, American women have played, and continue to play, a critical
6 economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life and constitute a significant
7 portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

8 Whereas, American women have played a unique role throughout the history
9 of the nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

10 Whereas, American women were particularly important in the establishment
11 of early philanthropic and cultural institutions in our nation; and

12 Whereas, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own
13 rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the
14 emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement,

1 and the peace movement, all of which have created a fairer and more just society for
2 all; and

3 Whereas, in 1925 not one but three women were the first female assemblymen
4 to be elected to the Wisconsin legislature; and

5 Whereas, Assemblyman Mildred Barber, a Republican teacher, Assemblyman
6 Helen Brooks, a Republican teacher, and Assemblyman Helen Thompson, a
7 Republican teacher and hotel keeper, paved the way for other female leaders to hold
8 legislative positions in Wisconsin; and

9 Whereas, Democrat Marcia P. Coggs was elected to the state assembly in 1977,
10 becoming the first African American woman to serve in the assembly; and

11 Whereas, Democrat Gwen Moore, elected in 1992, became the first African
12 American woman elected to the state senate; and

13 Whereas, in 1985 Senator Susan Engeleiter became the first Republican
14 woman to be senate minority leader, and she was the youngest woman ever elected
15 to the Wisconsin legislature at the tender age of 22; and

16 Whereas, in 2003 Senator Mary Panzer became the first Republican woman to
17 be senate majority leader, and in 2005 Senator Judith Robson became the first
18 Democratic woman to be senate minority leader and in 2007 became the first
19 Democratic woman to be senate majority leader, making them the highest ranking
20 woman legislators; and

21 Whereas, Margaret Farrow was the first Republican woman to be lieutenant
22 governor and Barbara Lawton was the first Democratic woman to be lieutenant
23 governor in Wisconsin's history; and

1 Whereas, the role of American women continues to evolve and their positive
2 contributions to our culture, society, and government continue to grow and inspire
3 future generations; now, therefore, be it

4 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the month of March
5 shall be designated as “Women’s History Month.”

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