



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 14

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming March 2017 as 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 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 2014 Representative Pat Strachota became the first woman to
14 serve as assembly majority leader; and

15 Whereas, in 1985 Senator Susan Engeleiter became the first Republican
16 woman to be senate minority leader, and she was the youngest woman ever elected
17 to the Wisconsin legislature; and

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

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

