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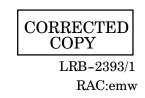
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2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 14

March 7, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives Zamarripa, C. Taylor, Anderson, Barca, Berceau, Brostoff, Considine, Crowley, Fields, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Kolste, Mason, Meyers, Milroy, Ohnstad, Pope, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Subeck, Vruwink, Wachs, Young, Zepnick, Bowen, Shankland, Sargent and Kessler, cosponsored by Senators Johnson, C. Larson, Bewley, Carpenter, L. Taylor, Wirch, Vinehout and Ringhand. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to:	proclaiming	March 2017	as women's history	z month.
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Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation 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 life and constitute a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and

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

Whereas, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early philanthropic and cultural institutions in our 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 the peace movement, all of which have created a fairer and more just society for 1 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 Helen Brooks, a Republican teacher, and Assemblyman Helen Thompson, a 6 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 Whereas, in 1985 Senator Susan Engeleiter became the first Republican 15 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 be senate majority leader, and in 2005 Senator Judith Robson became the first 19 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 25governor in Wisconsin's history; and

1	Whereas, in 1996 Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson became the first woman to
2	serve as chief justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; and
3	Whereas, Tammy Baldwin became the first woman in the history of Wisconsin
4	to be elected to the United States Senate and the first openly LGBTQ person to serve
5	in the United States Senate; and
6	Whereas, the role of American women continues to evolve and their positive
7	contributions to our culture, society, and government continue to grow and inspire
8	future generations; now, therefore, be it
9	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the month of March
10	2017 shall be designated as "Women's History Month."
11	(END)