

State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 153

February 28, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives ZAMARRIPA, C. TAYLOR, SUBECK, SINICKI, ANDERSON, BILLINGS, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, SARGENT, SHANKLAND, SPREITZER, STUBBS, TUSLER, VINING, GOYKE, VRUWINK, FIELDS, RIEMER and MCGUIRE, cosponsored by Senators JOHNSON, SCHACHTNER, L. TAYLOR, BERNIER, BEWLEY, LARSON, RINGHAND, RISSER, SHILLING and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: proclaiming March 2020 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,

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all; and 2 3 Whereas, in 1925, not one but three women were the first female assembly representatives to be elected to the Wisconsin Legislature; and 4 5 Whereas, Assembly Representative Mildred Barber, a Republican teacher, 6 Assembly Representative Helen Brooks, a Republican teacher, and Assembly 7 Representative Helen Thompson, a Republican teacher and hotel keeper, paved the 8 way for other female leaders to hold 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, in 1978, Democrat Vel Phillips became the first African American woman elected to statewide office as secretary of state; and 1213Whereas, Democrat Gwen Moore, elected in 1992, became the first African 14 American woman elected to the state senate; and 15Whereas, in 2014, Republican Pat Strachota became the first woman to serve 16 as assembly majority leader; and 17Whereas, in 1985, Senator Susan Engeleiter became the first Republican woman to be senate minority leader, and she was the youngest woman ever elected 18 to the Wisconsin Legislature; and 19 20Whereas, in 2003, Senator Mary Panzer became the first Republican woman to be senate majority leader, and in 2005, Senator Judith Robson became the first 2122Democratic woman to be senate minority leader and, in 2007, became the first 23Democratic woman to be senate majority leader, making them the highest-ranking 24women legislators; and

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

1	Whereas, Margaret Farrow was the first Republican woman to be lieutenant
2	governor and Barbara Lawton was the first Democratic woman to be lieutenant
3	governor in Wisconsin's history; and
4	Whereas, in 1996 Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson became the first woman to
5	serve as chief justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; and
6	Whereas, Democrat Tammy Baldwin became the first woman in the history of
7	Wisconsin to be elected to the United States Senate and the first openly LGBTQ
8	person to serve in the United States Senate; and
9	Whereas, the role of American women continues to evolve and their positive
10	contributions to our culture, society, and government continue to grow and inspire
11	future generations; now, therefore, be it
12	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the month of March
13	2020 shall be designated as "Women's History Month."
14	(END)