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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017, TO BE "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Morgan, Ruggiero, Williams, and
Walsh

Date Introduced: March 08, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic
2 contributions to the growth and strength of our State and Nation in countless recorded and
3 unrecorded ways; and

4 WHEREAS, Women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and
5 social roles in every sphere of life in Rhode Island by constituting a significant portion of the
6 labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

7 WHEREAS, Women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable,
8 philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State; and

9 WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders
10 in the forefront of every major social change movement and have served our country
11 courageously in all branches of the military and public safety; and

12 WHEREAS, Women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage
13 and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the
14 industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and especially the peace movement, which
15 creates a fairer and just society for all; and

16 WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women has been consistently
17 overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and the study of American history; now,
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the month of March, 2017, to be "Women's History
2 Month" in recognition of the many contributions of women; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That this House, in keeping with the National Women's History Month
4 focus, has also adopted the theme "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business."
5 Rhode Island women have defied the social mores of their times by demonstrating their abilities
6 to create organizations and establish businesses that paved the way for generations of women
7 labor and business leaders to follow.

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