

# State of Florida

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, in February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as **National Women's History Week**; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1987, Congress declared **March** as **National Women's History Month** in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, President Donald J. Trump has declared **March 2019** as **National Women's History Month**; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month recognizes and spreads awareness of the importance of women in the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of the United States, whether in the home, their workplace, school, the courts, or in wartime, women have fought for themselves, their families, and all people of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, women led the efforts to secure voting rights and equal opportunity for women, and also served in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, labor movements, civil rights movements, and other causes creating a more fair and just society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, women marched and ultimately succeeded in achieving both the enactment of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which provided women the right to vote, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which extended the protection of the right to vote to women of color and language minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, women have been and continue to step up as leaders in the forefront of social change efforts, business, science, government, math, art, literature, music, film, athletics, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, the Florida Legislature established the Florida Commission on the Status of Women to study the changing and developing roles of women in American society; and

**WHEREAS**, women now represent 51.1 percent of the Florida workforce and 50 percent of the members of the Florida Cabinet; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has the nation's third largest number of women veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, which is annually selected by the National Women's History Alliance, is "**Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence**" which honors "women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize of March 2019 as

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

and encourage all Floridians to participate in events around our State to celebrate all that women have contributed and continue to contribute to our State and Nation.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Office Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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**RON DESANTIS**  
**GOVERNOR**

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**ASHLEY MOODY**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

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**NICOLE FRIED**  
**COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE**