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, 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 made meaningful contributions to the nation and to this great state; 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, 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

WHEREAS, women have been and continue to step up as leaders in business, science, government, math, art, literature, music, film, athletics, and more; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2023, Florida has a record number of 20 women serving as Chiefs of Police protecting their communities; and

WHEREAS, there are 7,410 full-time, sworn women law enforcement officers in the State of Florida, representing 16% of total full-time officers, four points higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Women's History Month, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories", recognizing women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize of March 2023 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 21th day of March, 2023.

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