

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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A Concurrent Resolution designating March 2005 as  
Iowa Women's History Month.

WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and  
ethnic background have made historic contributions to  
the growth and strength of our state and nation in  
countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including  
through the struggle for women's rights; and

WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to  
play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by  
constituting a significant portion of the labor force  
working inside and outside the home despite being  
underpaid; and

WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in  
the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,  
and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Iowa women and men finally amended the  
Constitution of the State of Iowa to provide that "All  
men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have  
certain inalienable rights ..."; and

WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in the  
abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the  
industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement,  
the peace movement, and the woman suffrage movement,  
thereby creating a more fair and just society for all  
people; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of  
women throughout the world, the role of women has been  
consistently overlooked and undervalued in the

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1 literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW

2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
4 SENATE CONCURRING, That the General Assembly  
5 designates the month of March 2005 as Iowa Women's  
6 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to  
7 continue to discover the roles women have played  
8 throughout history.

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