

# Senate Resolution 5 - Introduced

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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1 A Resolution recognizing March 2011 as Iowa Women's  
2 History Month.

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men amended Article I,  
17 section 1, of the Constitution of Iowa to read that  
18 "All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and  
19 have certain inalienable rights"; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in business  
21 and industry as well as the abolitionist movement, the  
22 emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement,  
23 the civil rights movement, the peace movement, and the  
24 women's suffrage movement, which have created a more  
25 fair and just society for all; and

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

1 the literature, teaching, and study of history; NOW  
2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
4 recognizes the month of March 2011 as Iowa Women's  
5 History Month and invites the citizens of Iowa to  
6 continue to uncover the roles women have played  
7 throughout history.