

## House Resolution 104 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 104

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1 A Resolution designating March 2016 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 continued to  
9 play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in  
10 our state by constituting a significant portion of the  
11 labor force working inside and outside of the home  
12 despite being 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 the Iowa  
17 Constitution to provide that all men and women are, by  
18 nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable  
19 rights; and

20 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in business,  
21 industry, and academia, as well as in the abolitionist  
22 movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial  
23 labor movement, the civil rights movement, the peace  
24 movement, and the women's suffrage movement, helping to  
25 create a more 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

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

2 THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
4 the House of Representatives designates March 2016 as  
5 Iowa Women's History Month and invites the citizens of  
6 Iowa to continue to discover the roles that Iowa women  
7 have played throughout the history of our state and  
8 nation.