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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-021

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY**
102 **MONTH, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DESIGNATING**
103 **MARCH AS COLORADO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.**

1 WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic
2 background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength
3 of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, especially in the
4 areas of political and social change; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States boasts a rich history of women
6 whose vast and courageous achievements speak to the sense of excellence
7 and potential shared by all Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, Our country would not be where it is without the

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1 strength, bravery, insight, and persistence of the women who have come
2 before us; and

3 WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play
4 a critical economic, cultural, political, and social role in every sphere of
5 the life of the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor
6 force, working inside and outside of the home as everything from
7 educators to astronauts; and

8 WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in
9 securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in
10 the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial
11 labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements that
12 create a more fair and just society for all; and

13 WHEREAS, Women have not only played a critical economic,
14 cultural, and social role in our society, but women have also permanently
15 changed the face of American government and politics; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1893, Colorado was the first state to give women
17 the right to vote through popular vote, and a year later Colorado was the
18 first state to elect women to the state legislature; and

19 WHEREAS, The first women elected to the Colorado General
20 Assembly in 1894 were Clara Cressingham and Frances S. Klock, both
21 from Arapahoe County, and Carrie C. Holly from Pueblo County, and
22 Carrie C. Holly has the distinction of being the first woman in United
23 States history to initiate and get a bill passed; and

24 WHEREAS, More than 200 women have served in the General
25 Assembly since 1913, including Helen R. Robinson, who became the first
26 woman to serve in the Colorado Senate, and more than 30 of those
27 women have served in both the House of Representatives and the Senate;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, Today, women legislators play a vital role in
30 addressing difficult social and economic issues and helping our country
31 and the state of Colorado prepare for the future; and

32 WHEREAS, Colorado again this year has the highest percentage
33 of women serving in a state legislature at 41%, while the national
34 percentage of women legislators is 24.2%; and

1 WHEREAS, Colorado currently has 41 women serving in the
2 General Assembly, which is the largest number of women in the
3 legislature in Colorado's history; and

4 WHEREAS, Such contributions and leadership in areas that help
5 women improve their lives and the lives of those around them led the
6 United Nations, in 1975, to designate March 8 as International Women's
7 Day and led the United States Congress, in 1987, to designate the month
8 of March as National Women's History Month; now, therefore,

9 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly*
10 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

11 That we, the members of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly,
12 hereby declare the month of March 2014 to be Colorado Women's History
13 Month in recognition of the struggles, accomplishments, and
14 contributions of American women throughout history.

15 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
16 to Governor John Hickenlooper and to each member of Colorado's
17 Congressional delegation.