

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2007 "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, American women of every race, creed, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of American life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the United States by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the United States;

WHEREAS, these ancestral American women served as leaders at the forefront of every major progressive social change movement in our country's history; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other socially conscious movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these numerous and diverse contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history; and

WHEREAS, the public celebration of women's history in this country only began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 Congress established National Women's History Week during the second week of March, and expanded the week to a month in 1987; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council recognizes and celebrates the diverse and historic accomplishments of women in the United States by designating March 2007 as “Women’s History Month,” and encourages all Californians to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2007.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California