

State of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as **National Women's History Week**; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Congress declared **March as National Women's History Month** in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month recognizes and spreads awareness of the importance of women in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, whether in the home, their workplace, school, the courts, or in wartime, women have made meaningful contributions to the nation and to this great state; and

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

WHEREAS, women led the efforts to secure voting rights and equal opportunity for women, and also served in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, civil rights movements, and other causes creating a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, women marched and ultimately succeeded in achieving both the enactment of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which provided women the right to vote, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which extended the protection of the right to vote to women of color; and

WHEREAS, last year marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Florida 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Collaborative, a non-partisan collaboration of women-centered institutions, organizations, and scholars from across Florida continue to commemorate and celebrate throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, women have been and continue to step up as leaders in business, science, government, math, art, literature, music, film, athletics, and more; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Florida Legislature established in the Office of Attorney General, the Florida Commission on the Status of Women to study the changing and developing roles of women in American society; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, women now represent 51.1 percent of the workforce and has the nation's third largest number of women veterans; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Women's History Month, "**Valiant Women of the Vote**," has been extended from 2020 due to the pandemic, capturing the spirit of these challenging times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize of March 2021 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

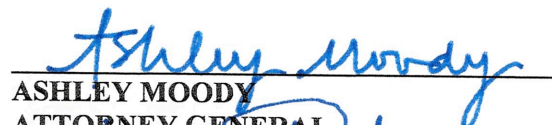
and encourage all Floridians to participate in events around our State to celebrate all that women have contributed and continue to contribute to our State and Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Office Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 9th day of March, 2021.

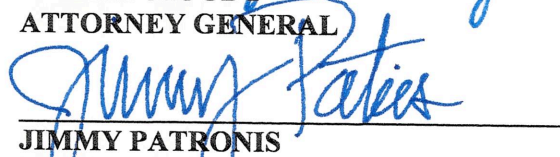




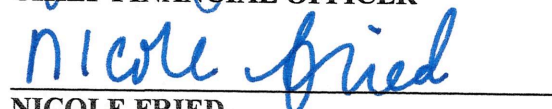
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