

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—ASSEMBLYMEN
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HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN,
KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO,
MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MORTENSON, MUNFORD,
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AND WOODBURY

MARCH 9, 2009

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AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Proclaims March 2009 as Women’s History Month.
(BDR R-704)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ***omitted material*** is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Proclaiming
March 2009 as Women’s History Month.

- 1 WHEREAS, American women of every culture, class and ethnic
- 2 background have participated in the founding and building of our
- 3 nation and our State, have made historic contributions to the growth
- 4 and strength of our nation and our State, and have played a critical
- 5 role in shaping the economic, cultural and social fabric of our
- 6 society, not in the least of ways through their participation in the
- 7 labor force, working inside and outside the home, as well as through
- 8 their participation in our nation’s military forces; and



1 WHEREAS, In addition to securing their own rights of suffrage
2 and equal opportunity, women have served as early leaders in the
3 forefront of every major progressive social change movement,
4 including the abolitionist, industrial labor and civil rights
5 movements; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women in the
7 history of our nation and our State has been consistently overlooked
8 and undervalued; and

9 WHEREAS, Various efforts and programs have been instituted in
10 Nevada to reverse this trend and provide deserved recognition of the
11 contributions of women; and

12 WHEREAS, Envisioned almost 30 years ago by Professor Anne
13 Howard and Dr. Elaine Enarson, the major of Women's Studies was
14 developed at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1997 by Professor
15 Jennifer Ring, and a master's degree and graduate certificate in
16 Gender, Race and Identity was subsequently created by the current
17 Director of the Women's Studies Program, Dr. Mary Stewart; and

18 WHEREAS, With its origins over 30 years ago as an
19 interdisciplinary committee, subsequently a program and finally a
20 department with Ellen Rose as its first director, the Women's
21 Studies Department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, offers
22 an undergraduate degree and graduate certificate in Women's
23 Studies; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to satisfying core curriculum
25 requirements, the diverse course offerings in these academic
26 programs at our state universities prepare students for a multitude of
27 future careers and provide the students with insights into the ways in
28 which such factors as gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality and
29 age shape their lives; and

30 WHEREAS, Created in 1999 by Dr. Joanne Goodwin and Caryll
31 Dziedziak, the Women's Research Institute of Nevada at the
32 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is a statewide research and policy
33 center dedicated to improving the lives of women in Nevada
34 through research and education, including through its publication of
35 the *Status of Women in Nevada Report* and the creation of the Las
36 Vegas Women Oral History Project; and

37 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Women's Research Institute of
38 Nevada and graduating its first class in 2003, the National Education
39 for Women's (NEW) Leadership Nevada is an award-winning
40 program open to all college students in Nevada which encourages
41 students to take on public leadership and policymaking roles; now,
42 therefore, be it

43 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
44 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of the
45 Nevada Legislature proclaim March 2009 as Women's History



- 1 Month in celebration of the tremendous contributions that women
- 2 have made to this nation and this State.

