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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Envisioned almost 30 years ago by Professor Anne Howard and Dr. Elaine Enarson, the major of Women’s Studies was developed at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1997 by Professor Jennifer Ring, and a master’s degree and graduate certificate in



Gender, Race and Identity was subsequently created by the current Director of the Women's Studies Program, Dr. Mary Stewart; and

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature proclaim March 2009 as Women's History Month in celebration of the tremendous contributions that women have made to this nation and this State.

