

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0266R
(Resolution)**

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 In Celebration of Women's History Month 2011 - *Our History is Our Strength*

2 FOR the purpose of celebrating Women's History Month, recognizing the extraordinary
3 accomplishments of women, honoring their role in the shaping of our families, our City, our
4 State and our Nation, and endorsing the theme, *Our History is Our Strength*, that honors
5 women within local communities and organizations.

6 Recitals

7 March was designated as National Women's History Month by Joint Resolutions of the
8 House and Senate and Proclamations by six American Presidents and is celebrated in thousands
9 of schools, communities, and workplaces across the nation as well as on military bases
10 throughout the world.

11 Each year National Women's History Month employs a unifying theme that honors women
12 around the country whose work and lives testify to that theme. *Our History is Our Strength*, the
13 2011 theme, invites local communities, organizations, and institutions to honor women within
14 their own communities and organizations.

15 In proclaiming this years Women's History Month, the President of the United States
16 remarked "During Women's History Month, we reflect on the extraordinary accomplishments of
17 women and honor their role in shaping the course of our Nation's history. Today women have
18 reached heights their mothers and grandmothers might only have imagined. Women now
19 comprise nearly half of our work force and the majority of students in our colleges and
20 universities. They scale the skies as astronauts, expand our economy as business leaders, and
21 serve our country at the highest levels of government and our Armed Forces. In honor of the
22 pioneering women who came before us, and in recognition of those who will come after us, this
23 month we recommit to erasing the remaining inequities facing women today."

24 "As we reflect on the triumphs of the past, we must also look to the limitless potential that
25 lies ahead. Let us resolve to build on the progress won by the trailblazers of the past. We must
26 carry forward the work of the women who came before us and ensure our daughters have no
27 limits on their dreams, no obstacles to their achievements, and no remaining ceilings to shatter."

28 The Baltimore City Council applauds the women of our City and State and recognizes their
29 invaluable contributions to forming the backbone of our families, uniting our communities,
30 sustaining our faith, and keeping our children in school. We challenge all of Baltimore to
31 commit to assisting our daughters to realize their best selves.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this
2 Body celebrates Women's History Month, recognizes the extraordinary accomplishments of
3 women, honors their role in the shaping of our families, our City, our State and our Nation, and
4 endorses the theme, *Our History is Our Strength*, that honors women within local communities
5 and organizations.

6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
7 Chair and Members of the Mayor's Commission on Women, and the Mayor's Legislative
8 Liaison to the City Council.