

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 08-0027R  
(Resolution)**

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Women's History Month**

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2 FOR the purpose of celebrating Women's History Month in recognition and appreciation of the  
3 many contributions of women to the nation's social, spiritual, economical, and cultural  
4 growth and endorsing the annual Congressional Resolution designating the month of March  
5 as "Women's History Month."

**Recitals**

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7 The National Women's History Project notes that every year since 1987, the President of the  
8 United States has issued a special Women's History Month Proclamation. The March 2008  
9 National Women's History Month Proclamation states:

10       Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have  
11 made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless  
12 recorded and unrecorded ways; and

13       Whereas, American women have played and continue to play a critical  
14 economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by  
15 constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of  
16 the home; and

17       Whereas, American women have played a unique role throughout the history  
18 of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation,  
19 were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,  
20 and cultural institutions in our Nation, and American women of every race, class,  
21 and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major  
22 progressive social change movement; and

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

28       Whereas despite these contributions, the role of American women in history  
29 has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and  
30 study of American history, it is resolved by Congress that March is designated as  
31 "Women's History Month." The President is authorized and requested to issue a

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
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1 proclamation for each of these months, calling upon the people of the United States to  
2 observe those months with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this  
4 Body celebrates Women’s History Month in recognition and appreciation of the many  
5 contributions of women to the nation’s social, spiritual, economical, and cultural growth and  
6 endorses the annual Congressional Resolution designating the month of March as “Women’s  
7 History Month.”

8 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
9 Chair and Members, Baltimore City Commission for Women, the Executive Director of the  
10 Mayor’s Office of State Relations, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.