

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0264R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Young, Kraft, Holton, Curran,
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Women's History Month – March, 2007

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2 FOR the purpose of adopting the Congressional *Women's History Month Proclamation*, joining
3 with the rest of the country in a national celebration of the many historic contributions
4 women have made to this nation, and proudly acknowledging a historic moment in Baltimore
5 City's women's history.

6 **WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic
7 contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded
8 ways; and

9 **WHEREAS**, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural,
10 and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the
11 labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

12 **WHEREAS**, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation
13 by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

14 **WHEREAS**, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early
15 charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early
17 leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

18 **WHEREAS**, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of
19 suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation
20 movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements,
21 especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been
23 consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American
24 history; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Congress passed this resolution in 1986 and successive years since then
26 designating March as "Women's History Month" and authorizing and requesting the President to
27 issue a proclamation for each of these months, calling upon the people of the United States to
28 observe those months with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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1 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore City is celebrating a historic moment in Baltimore history in general,
2 Black history in particular, and Baltimore City women’s history especially, when the 4 highest
3 offices are held by African American women – Mayor, City Council President, City
4 Comptroller, and Baltimore City State’s Attorney.

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That this
6 Body hereby adopts the Congressional *Women’s History Month Proclamation*, joins with the rest
7 of the country in a national celebration of the many historic contributions women have made to
8 this nation, and proudly acknowledges a historic moment in Baltimore City’s women’s history.

9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
10 Comptroller, the Baltimore City State’s Attorney, the Members of the Baltimore City
11 Commission on Women, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.