

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnicity have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

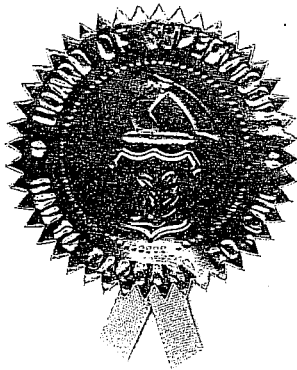
WHEREAS, the first public celebration of women's history month took place in 1978 and was soon recognized nationally through bi-partisan congressional legislation culminating with the designation of March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's celebration, "Women's Education – Women's Empowerment" is an opportunity for communities across the county to reflect on the struggle for women to gain access to equal educational opportunities and to honor the many academic achievements made by women; and

WHEREAS, in 1633 Harvard University was the first chartered college in America, but it wasn't until 1835 that Oberlin became the first college to admit women. Even with admission to higher education facilities, women still had to fight for access to an equal education. In 1972, Title IX of the Education Codes of the Higher Education Act Amendments was passed, and finally enacted in 1977, which prohibits gender discrimination by federally funded institutions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares the month of March as "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" and commends the local branches of the American Association of University Women for embodying the "Women's Education—Women's Empowerment" theme in Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 6th day of March 2012, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Walker
Clerk of the Board

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