RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Designating the Month of March as

"Women's History Month"

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

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

WHEREAS American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the nation;

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

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also have served as early leaders in every major progressive social change movement including the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement, helping to create a more fair and just society for all;

WHEREAS despite these contributions the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American History;

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is about highlighting the extraordinary achievements of women throughout our history, while recognizing the equally significant obstacles they had to overcome on the road to success;

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is about the millions of unsung women whose contributions have made life better for their families and their communities;

WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed on March 8, since in the early 1900's, to inspire women, celebrate their achievements and connecting women from all around the world as a major day of global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of women;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, that March is designated as "Women's History Month" and the Board calls upon the people of Santa Clara County to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors this 26th day of February, 2008.

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Pete McHugh, Chairperson

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Attest: Phyllis Perez, Clerk of the Board
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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County Counsel