

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 475

Recognizing March 2010 as National Women’s History Month.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26 (legislative day, MARCH 25), 2010

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing March 2010 as National Women’s History  
Month.

Whereas the purpose of National Women’s History Month is to increase awareness and knowledge of women’s involvement in history;

Whereas, as recently as the 1970s, women’s history was rarely included in the kindergarten through grade 12 curriculum and was not part of public awareness;

Whereas, in 1981, responding to the growing popularity of women’s history celebrations, Congress enacted a joint resolution designating the week beginning March 7, 1982, as “ Women’s History Week” (Public Law 97–28; 95 Stat. 148);

Whereas, during the week of March 7, 1982, thousands of schools and communities joined in the commemoration of National Women's History Week, with support and encouragement from governors, city councils, school boards, and Congress;

Whereas, in 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to include the entire month of March;

Whereas educators, workplace program planners, parents, and community organizations in thousands of communities in the United States, have turned National Women's History Month into a major local learning experience and celebration;

Whereas the popularity of women's history celebrations has sparked a new interest in uncovering women's forgotten heritage;

Whereas the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History was established to consider how best to acknowledge and celebrate the roles and accomplishments of women in the history of the United States;

Whereas the National Women's History Museum was founded in 1996 as an institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating this rich heritage fully into the Nation's teachings and history books; and

Whereas the theme of National Women's History Month for 2010 is writing women back into history: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) recognizes March 2010 as National Wom-  
2           en's History Month;

3           (2) supports the goals and ideals of National  
4           Women's History Month; and

5           (3) recognizes and honors the women and orga-  
6           nizations in the United States that have fought for  
7           and continue to promote the teaching of women's  
8           history.

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