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HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DURING MARCH 2025,
CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 8, 2025,
AND RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF THE WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
OF ARKANSAS TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC MOBILITY OF WOMEN
AND GIRLS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Subtitle

TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
DURING MARCH 2025 AND INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 8, 2025.

WHEREAS, the purpose of Women's History Month is to recognize the importance of women in history and to increase awareness of women's involvement in history; and

WHEREAS, March 8 is recognized annually worldwide as International Women's Day; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, whether in the home, the workplace, the school, the courts, or during wartime, women have fought for themselves, their families, and all people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the United



States; and

WHEREAS, women have been and continue to be leaders in social change efforts and in the fields of business, science, government, math, art, literature, music, film, athletics, and more; and

WHEREAS, women now represent approximately half of the workforce of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, a bipartisan group of United States Senators introduced the first joint resolution to pass the United States Congress designating Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, former President Ronald Reagan issued the first Women's History Month Presidential Proclamation in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Foundation of Arkansas is the only statewide organization focused solely on women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Foundation of Arkansas is focused on improving the economic mobility of women and girls in Arkansas through collaboration and targeted philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, despite the advancements of women in the United States, much remains to be done to ensure that women realize their full economic potential; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Foundation of Arkansas is making sure that every first for Arkansas women and girls is not the last and therefore only the beginning of many more; and

WHEREAS, in 1931, Hattie Caraway of Jonesboro became the first woman ever to serve in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Sarah Huckabee Sanders became the first woman ever to serve as the Governor of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, all should continue to elevate and celebrate both the historical and future stories of women and girls in Arkansas, the United States, and around the world,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives celebrate Women's History Month during March 2025, celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, 2025, and recognize the efforts of the Women's Foundation of Arkansas to improve the economic mobility of women and girls in the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Kennedy Kasten by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.