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By: **Senators Roesser, Kelley, Hoffman, Lawlah, Conway, and Forehand**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - Commemorative Months - Women's History Month**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim the month of March each year

4 to be "Women's History Month".

5 BY adding to

6 Article - State Government

7 Section 13-501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Commemorative
8 Months"

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (1999 Replacement Volume)

11 **Preamble**

12 WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have
13 made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the State in countless and
14 unrecorded ways; and

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

18 WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a significant
19 role in protecting and preserving the State's environmental resources; and

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

23 WHEREAS, In 1981, the United States Congress first designated the week of
24 March 7, 1982, as Women's History Week; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1987, the United States Congress approved the National
26 Women's History Month Resolution to expand the national celebration of women's
27 history to the entire month of March; and

1 WHEREAS, Since then, the United States Congress has annually approved this
2 Resolution with bipartisan support, and the President of the United States has
3 annually proclaimed March as Women's History Month; and

4 WHEREAS, Advocates, parents, and community organizations in thousands of
5 American communities have acknowledged National Women's History Month as a
6 focus of celebration; and

7 WHEREAS, No month is set aside in the State to observe and honor women's
8 historical contributions to the State; now, therefore,

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article - State Government**

12 **SUBTITLE 5. COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS.**

13 13-501.

14 (A) IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WOMEN
15 HAVE MADE TO THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF
16 MARCH EACH YEAR AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

17 (B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
18 ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROPERLY WITH
19 APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2000.