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Res. No. 1206

Resolution recognizing the month of March, 2000 as Women's History Month and urging all New Yorkers to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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Whereas, The Century that has just ended saw women make great strides in advancing their social, political and economic situation and in the years to come, these advances must be solidified; and

Whereas, The 20th Century was the breakthrough century for women rights, achievement and progress, building upon the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848, which was the initial start of the Women's Rights Movement; and

Whereas, It should be recognized that women have been in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also, the civil rights movement, the labor union movement, the consumer movement, human rights and the peace movement among others; and

Whereas, Women of every race, class and ethnic background and sexual orientation have played a crucial role in every aspect of the life of this nation, state and city; and

Whereas, Great attention must be paid to women's health issues with emphasis placed on prevention; including mammography screening for breast cancer, and widespread education programs; and

Whereas, The 20th Century has brought women to the highest levels of government, as Justices of the Supreme Court, in the Cabinet, the United States Congress, State legislatures and local legislative bodies; and

Whereas, At the turn of the century women were laced into corsets, had a life expectancy of just 51 years, and very few legal rights, and now women are commanding space ships, working on a par with men in business, setting policy in government leadership positions, and expecting equal opportunity and recognition for their daughters and granddaughters; and

Whereas, There is now more attention paid to women's issues including health, legal rights in the workplace and economic equality; national campaigns like Breast Health Awareness Month have brought great awareness to the issue of health among women; and

Whereas, The New York City Commission on the Status of Women has declared this year's theme "An Extraordinary Century for Women - Now, Imagine the Future"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York declares the month of March, 2000, to be Women's History Month and urges that all New Yorkers observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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