

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. 52, 2008-2009

ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, women of every race and ethnic background helped found the nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as wives, mothers, homemakers, teachers, reformers, industrial workers, professionals, soldiers, pioneers, nurses, nuns, servants, and slaves; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of our nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside the home and as elected officials; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the country; and

WHEREAS, women of every race and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement, and the modern civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the role of women in history has been overlooked and undervalued in the body of American and world history in the standard courses of study; and

WHEREAS, the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Eight* states that the history of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and that these studies be integrated at every grade level in the curriculum;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Elk Grove Unified School District that the month of March 2009 is designated as Women's History Month, and that all educational sites be encouraged to commemorate this time with appropriate, well-planned activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to every school in the District.