WHEREAS, "Women’s History Month" is observed in March to recognize and highlight the contributions of women to events in history and society; and

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout the history of our Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force; and

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

WHEREAS, women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Ventura County Community College District recognizes Women’s History Month and honors the vital role of women in the economy, culture, and community throughout Ventura County and the Nation.

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