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Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing the month of March 2019 as National Women's History Month (Chairwoman Hannigan)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution recognizing the month of March 2019 as National Women's History Month.

SUMMARY:

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in the general public's awareness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978. From this effort grew the first Congressional resolution declaring a "National Women's History Week" in 1981.

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the entire month of March. Since then, the National Women's History Month Resolution has been approved with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. Each year, programs and activities in schools, workplaces, and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared.

This year, Solano County celebrates "Women's History Month" with the twelfth annual luncheon "Honoring Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence" on March 15, 2019. Funds raised during that luncheon will benefit the Solano County Library Foundation and go towards the purchase of materials related to Women's History studies. The Solano County Library will also have other related activities in March 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget. The costs associated with preparation and purchase of the resolution materials and are included in the Board's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to adopt the resolution. This is not recommended as adopting this resolution is an opportunity to recognize the important role women play in history and in Solano County's community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Solano County Library Foundation

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION