



SPONSOR: Rep. Longhurst on behalf of all Representatives &
Sen. Poore on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

DESIGNATING MARCH 2023 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN DELAWARE AND HONORING THE
LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT OUR STATE'S RICH HISTORY.

1 WHEREAS, women of all walks of life, races, ethnicities and backgrounds have made considerable contributions
2 throughout history, impacting young people of today; and

3 WHEREAS, women play a critical role in furthering public policy, equality, diversity, science, art, activism,
4 education, and overall quality of life in our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, throughout centuries suffragists, activists and everyday women have had to continually fight for
6 equal treatment and basic rights under the law; and

7 WHEREAS, exceptional women leaders, such as Susan B. Anthony, Florence Bayard Hilles, Annie Jump Cannon,
8 Emily Bissell, Mary Ann Shadd Cary, Mabel Vernon, Margaret Irving Handy, Stephanie Kwolek, U.S. Representative Lisa
9 Blunt Rochester, Mabel Lloyd Ridgely, Pauline A. Young, Mary Ann Sorden Stuart and Governor Ruth Ann Minner have
10 paved the way for progress and change; and

11 WHEREAS, we acknowledge the trailblazing women of the 152nd General Assembly, with 24 women in the
12 House and Senate, Rep. Stephanie T. Bolden, Rep. Ruth Briggs King, Rep. Sherry Dorsey Walker, Rep. Kendra Johnson,
13 Rep. Debra Heffernan, Rep. Sherae'a Moore, Rep. Krista Griffith, Rep. DeShanna Neal, Rep. Valerie Longhurst, Rep.
14 Melissa Minor-Brown, Rep. Sophie Phillips, Rep. Kimberly Williams, Rep. Stell Parker Selby, Rep. Cyndie Romer, Rep.
15 Madinah Wilson-Anton, Rep. Kerri Evelyn Harris, Sen. Elizabeth Lockman, Sen. Sarah McBride, Sen. Kyle Evans Gay,
16 Sen. Laura Sturgeon, Sen. Stephanie Hansen, and Sen. Nicole Poore, Sen. Marie Pinkney, Sen. Kyra Hoffner; and

17 WHEREAS, recognizing women and their accomplishments presents the opportunity to celebrate their
18 contributions to society and the greater good, as well as acknowledge the struggles and barriers they have had overcome to
19 lay the foundation for future generations; and

20 WHEREAS, Women's History Week has origins from the 1980s, and beginning in March 1987, National
21 Women's History Month has been celebrated in the United States annually; and

22 WHEREAS, March 8, 2023 commemorates International Women's Day, honoring trailblazing women across our
23 globe; and

24 WHEREAS, the 2023 theme of National Women's History Month recognizes women, past and present, who have
25 been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social
26 media.

27 NOW, THEREFORE:

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
29 Senate concurring therein, that March 2023 is Women's History Month in Delaware, and that all Delawareans are urged to
30 commemorate and celebrate the accomplishments of women throughout our state and nation.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution designates March 2023 as Women's History Month in Delaware to raise awareness and celebrate the contributions of women in our society, and for the greater good of our nation.