

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH TO BE "WOMEN'S HERSTORY MONTH" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

WHEREAS, New Mexican women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of the life of the state and the nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working both inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, historically New Mexican women have supplied the majority of volunteer labor in the state; and

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

WHEREAS, New Mexican 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, creating a more fair and just society for all; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March be declared "Women's Herstory Month" at the house of representatives.