

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.236

Reps. Hope, Bolden, Hood, Manoogian, Greig, Koleszar, Anthony, Garza, Guerra, Witwer, Kennedy, Haadsma, Camilleri, LaGrand, Stone, Hertel, Gay-Dagnogo, Brenda Carter, Cambensy, Byrd, Wittenberg, Brixie, Robinson, Coleman, Sabo, Elder, Kuppa, Cherry, Chirkun, Sneller, Lasinski, Pohutsky, Warren, Sowerby, Jones, Hoadley, Tyrone Carter, Shannon, Hammoud and Tate offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 2020 as Women's History Month in
2 the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Michigan women of every race, class, and ethnic
4 background have made historic contributions to the growth and
5 strength of Michigan in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

6 Whereas, Michigan women have played and continue to play a
7 critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the



1 life of Michigan by constituting a significant portion of the labor
2 force working inside and outside of the home; and

3 Whereas, Accomplished women in Michigan such as Cora Reynolds
4 Anderson, Lorraine Beebe, Cora Mae Brown, Anna Clemenc, Mary
5 Stallings Coleman, Daisy Elliott, Betty Ford, Martha Griffiths,
6 Marie-Therese Guyon-Cadillac, Erma Henderson, Mildred Jeffrey, Rosa
7 Parks, Elly Peterson, Dorothy Comstock Riley, Anna Howard Shaw,
8 Lucinda Stone, and Sojourner Truth deserve more recognition; and

9 Whereas, Michigan women have played a unique role throughout
10 the history of Michigan by providing the majority of the volunteer
11 labor force of Michigan; and

12 Whereas, Michigan women were particularly important in the
13 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural
14 institutions in Michigan; and

15 Whereas, Michigan women of every race, class, and ethnic
16 background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major
17 progressive social change movement. Michigan women have been
18 leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal
19 opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the
20 emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil
21 rights movement, the peace movement, and other movements which
22 created a more fair and just society for all; and

23 Whereas, The population of Michigan is fifty-one percent
24 women. Women compose thirty-six percent of the Michigan
25 Legislature. The percentage of women legislators in the House of
26 Representatives is thirty-eight percent and the percentage of women
27 legislators in the Senate is approximately thirty percent; and

28 Whereas, Despite these contributions, the role of Michigan
29 women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued

1 in the literature, teaching, and study of Michigan history; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
4 this legislative body declare March 2020 as Women's History Month
5 in the state of Michigan.