

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #11/12-35

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, women of every race and ethnic background have contributed and continue to contribute to our country's triumphs and accomplishments in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, women have played and continue to play critical roles in the economic, cultural, and social spheres of our nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside the home; and

WHEREAS, women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the country; and

WHEREAS, women of diverse backgrounds have served as leaders in the forefront of progressive social change, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also to abolish slavery; promote fairness, equality, and safety in the workplace; and advance the modern civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the role of women in history has been overlooked and undervalued in the past, through its significance is now emerging and assuming its rightful place as an important part of the body of American and world history; and

WHEREAS, California *Education Code* section 51204.5 specifically calls for instruction in the social sciences to include the study of the role and contributions of both men and women to the economic, political, and social development of California and the nation, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of men and women in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Diablo Unified School District proclaims the month of March as Women's History Month and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to all schools within the district.

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