

Section 13-501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5. Commemorative Months"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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Preamble

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the State in countless and unrecorded ways; and

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

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the State by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the State; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our State; and

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

WHEREAS, American 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, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a significant role in protecting and preserving the State's environmental resources; and

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

WHEREAS, In 1981, the United States Congress first designated the week of March 7, 1982, as Women's History Week; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, the United States Congress approved the National Women's History Month Resolution to expand the national celebration of women's history to the entire month of March; and

WHEREAS, Since then, the United States Congress has annually approved this resolution with bipartisan support, and the President of the United States has annually proclaimed March as Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Advocates, parents, and community organizations in thousands of American communities have acknowledged National Women's History Month as a focus of celebration; and