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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 TO PROCLAIM MARCH 2021 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN
9 ARKANSAS.

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12 **Subtitle**

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14 MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

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16 WHEREAS, the purpose of Women's History Month is to recognize the
17 importance of women in history and to increase awareness of women's
18 involvement in history; and

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20 WHEREAS, throughout the history of the United States, whether in the
21 home, the workplace, the school, the courts, or during wartime, women have
22 fought for themselves, their families, and all people of the United States;
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25 WHEREAS, women were particularly important in the establishment of
26 early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the United
27 States; and

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29 WHEREAS, women led the efforts to secure suffrage and equal
30 opportunities for women, and also served in the abolitionist movement, the
31 emancipation movement, labor movements, civil rights movements, and other
32 causes to create a more fair and just society for all; and

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34 WHEREAS, suffragists wrote, marched, were arrested, and ultimately
35 succeeded in achieving the enactment of the Nineteenth Amendment to the
36 Constitution of the United States, Section 1 of which provides that "The



1 right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or
2 abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex”, and of the
3 Voting Rights Act of 1965, which extended the protection of the right to vote
4 to women of color and language minorities; and

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6 WHEREAS, women have been and continue to be leaders in social change
7 efforts and in the fields of business, science, government, math, art,
8 literature, music, film, athletics, and more; and

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10 WHEREAS, women now represent approximately half of the workforce of the
11 United States; and

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13 WHEREAS, women have been vital to the mission of the United States
14 Armed Forces since the American Revolution, serving in volunteer and enlisted
15 positions, with more than two hundred thousand (200,000) active duty service
16 women and two million (2,000,000) veterans representing every branch of
17 service; and

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19 WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin of Montana was the first woman elected to the
20 United States House of Representatives in 1916, and Hattie Wyatt Caraway of
21 Arkansas was the first woman elected to the United States Senate in 1932; and

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23 WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential
24 Proclamation designating the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women’s
25 History Week; and

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27 WHEREAS, in 1987, a bipartisan group of United States Senators
28 introduced the first joint resolution to pass the United States Congress
29 designating Women’s History Month; and

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31 WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan issued the first Women’s History Month
32 Presidential Proclamation in 1987; and

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34 WHEREAS, despite the advancements of women in the United States, much
35 remains to be done to ensure that women realize their full potential as equal
36 members of society in the United States,

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NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS:

 THAT the Senate proclaim March 2021 as Women’s History Month in
Arkansas and recognize the importance of women in the history of the United
States.