

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 289821

ADOPTED ON MAR 17 1998

WHEREAS, 1998 marks the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement in the United States, a civil rights movement that began in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York where the first Women's Rights Convention was held; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Sentiments issued at that Convention launched a movement which is fundamental to our nation's commitment to liberty and personal freedom and changed the lives of its women irrevocably; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Women's Rights Movement has had a profound and undeniable impact on all aspects of American life, and has opened new and well-deserved opportunities for women in all fields of endeavor, including commerce, athletics, business, education, religion, the arts and scientific exploration; and

WHEREAS, both girls and boys today have lives far richer and fairer as a direct result of the Women's Rights Movement, yet have scant opportunity to know the heroes and lessons of this vital movement through the textbooks in most classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the twenty-first century will find an ever-increasing need for both women and men to share in the fundamental responsibilities for our national life and the benefits that result from full and equal participation in society; and

WHEREAS, there still remain substantial barriers to full equality of America's women before our freedom as a Nation can be called complete; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that 1998 will be widely recognized and celebrated as the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement under the national theme, "**Living the Legacy: Women's Rights Movement 1848-1998.**"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council does hereby recognize with gratitude those who have contributed to our City and this nation the vision of equality, fairness, justice, and freedom for all the people of our nation.

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