



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our state and nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS: Women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside the home; and

WHEREAS: Women have played a unique role throughout history by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the nation; and

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

WHEREAS: 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 the peace movement, creating a more fair and just society for all; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2011 as:

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the state of Minnesota, and encourage all Minnesotans to take part in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of March.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE