

No. R-355. House concurrent resolution designating March as Vermont Women's History Month.

(H.C.R.259)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, the Vermont Commission on Women, an organization marking its 50th anniversary that has worked tirelessly to advance the rights of women and girls, in 2004 established the Vermont Women's History Project as part of a national effort to promote the critical role of women in American history, and

Whereas, responsibility for the Vermont Women's History Project is now assigned to the Vermont Historical Society, in collaboration with a steering committee and the advice of historians and representatives of partner organizations, and

Whereas, among the activities of the Vermont Women's History Project is a website featuring a searchable database of Vermont women, plus supplemented historical background information and links to websites where further information on specific women is located, and

Whereas, the Vermont Historical Society's 2014 Vermont History Expo, occurring at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on June 21–22 has a theme of *Artists and Artisans: Vermont's Creative Heritage*, and

Whereas, corresponding with this theme, on March 12, 2014, and in observance of Vermont Women's History Month, the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Commission on Women will present a program celebrating the contributions of Vermont women to the arts, and

Whereas, this presentation will highlight the accomplishments and perspectives of talented and creative women in Vermont who work in a variety of visual media, and

Whereas, the program will reflect on how the experiences of these women have changed as the role of women have evolved over the past half century, and

Whereas, women have played a decisive role in the history of the arts, and this program will highlight their impact on the history of the arts in our State, and

Whereas, this event is an ideal commemoration of Vermont Women's History Month, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly designates March as Vermont Women's History Month, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Commission on Women and the Vermont Historical Society.