



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County**

**Proclaiming
March 2012 Women's History Month
"Women's Education— Women's Power"**

Whereas, women of every race, class, and ethnic background have had a fearless leadership role in making historic contributions to the growth and strength of our country, state, and county in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

Whereas, women engage in critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life, by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

Whereas, women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in this country; and

Whereas, women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the greater part of the volunteer labor force in Ventura County; 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 in education, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and efforts to eliminate discrimination based on gender; which create a more fair and just society for all; and

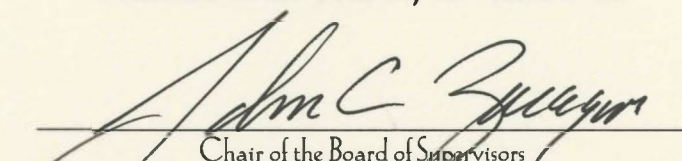
Whereas, despite these contributions, the role of women in our history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American history; and

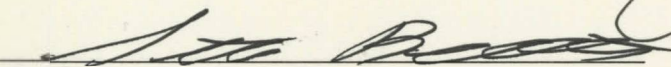
Whereas, Ventura County women honor the work of our foremothers by joining with the many organizations in our community to retain women's rights and resolve inequities that women still face; including: the Ventura County Commission for Women, the AAUW of Camarillo, the Camarillo Chapter of Soroptimist, Meadowlarks of Camarillo, and the Ventura County Women's Political Council; and

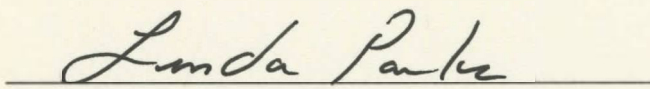
Whereas, on March 8th 2012, Ventura County residents joined women and men around the world to celebrate International Women's Day, observed under the theme "Women's Education— Women's Empowerment". International Women's Day recognizes that equal access to a quality education for women and girls is an economic and social imperative; and that our chances of attaining peace, security, and sustainable development stand in jeopardy until women and girls are liberated from poverty and injustice.

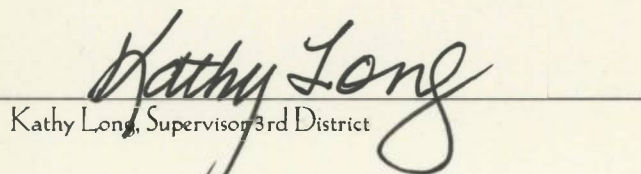
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors urge our schools, colleges, libraries, and other civic organizations to honor the role of women throughout history and continue to celebrate the ways in which their spirit, courage, and contributions have shaped our county's history, by proclaiming March 2012 as Women's History Month in Ventura County.

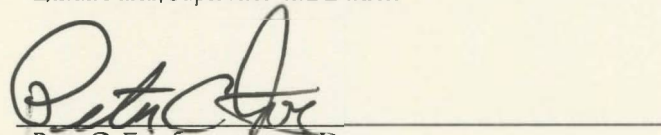
Presented on this 13th day of March 2012


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