

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING MARCH 2012, IN MENDOCINO COUNTY, AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”

WHEREAS, Mendocino County women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of Mendocino County in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County women have played, and continue to play, a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of Mendocino County by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

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

WHEREAS, Mendocino County women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the environmental movement, the peace movement, and, more recently, the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgendered equality movement, all which seek a more fair and just society for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County women currently hold significant leadership positions, including countywide elected positions, seats on the Board of Supervisors, seats on area City Councils, and numerous other seats as elected and appointed members of Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, despite said women’s progress in local elections, the United States of America ranks somewhere around #71 worldwide in the number of women in political office, below Pakistan and Cuba;

WHEREAS in the United States Congress, women are just 17% of the elected representatives, compared to 51% of the US population; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims March 2012, as “Women’s History Month” in Mendocino County and invites the public to celebrate on Sunday, March 11th.

Dated: February 27, 2012

John McCowen, Chair