

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 66-1617
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
MARCH 2017**

WHEREAS, Women of every race and ethnic background contributed to our country's triumphs and accomplishments in countless ways as wives, mothers, homemakers, teachers, reformers, industrial workers, lawyers, doctors, engineers, other professionals, mentors, soldiers, pioneers, nuns, indentured servants, and slaves; and

WHEREAS, Women have played and continued to play a critical economic, cultural, social role in every sphere of our nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside the home and as elected officials; and

WHEREAS, Women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in the country; and

WHEREAS, Women of every race and ethnic background, including Sojourner Truth, Dolores Huerta, Susan B. Anthony, and Yuri Kochiyama, served as leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement, and the modern civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the role of women in history has been overlooked and undervalued and is now an important part of the body of American and world history; and

WHEREAS, the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* state that the history of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and that these studies be integrated at every grade level in the curriculum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California State Board of Education and the West Contra Costa Unified School District proclaim the month of March 2017 Women's History Month and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this time with appropriate instructional activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this first day of March 2017 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYE's _____ NO's _____ ABSENT _____ ABSTAIN _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the members of the Board of Education of the West Contra Costa Unified School District at a public meeting of said Board held on March 1, 2017.

President of the Board of Education of the
West Contra Costa Unified School District

Clerk of the Board Education of the
West Contra Costa Unified School District