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WHEREAS American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS American women have played and continue to play a critical role in the economic, cultural, and social spheres of American life by constituting a significant portion of both the voluntary and paid labor forces, working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions within the United States; and

WHEREAS American women of every class, and ethnic background have served as early leaders in the forefront of all the major progressive social movements in this country; and

WHEREAS American women have been role models, not only in terms of securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also having contributed to establishing and securing the rights of others through the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement, all of which sought to create a fairer and more just society; and

WHEREAS despite these vast and significant contributions, the role of American women within business, academics, politics, and society as a whole has been consistently overlooked and undervalued; and

WHEREAS since 1987, the United States Legislature has designated March as "Women's History Month;" and

WHEREAS the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh has continually worked towards the empowerment and advancement of women living in the local Pittsburgh area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the City of Pittsburgh wishes to also recognize March as Women's History Month, with special acknowledgement paid to the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh for its continued work on behalf of addressing the needs and aspirations of local women with great sincerity and commitment.