

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1994-8689**

By Senators Franklin, McAuliffe, Sheldon, Prentice, Fraser, L. Smith, Anderson, Wojahn, Niemi, Winsley, Haugen, Skratek, Spanel, Rasmussen, Roach, Drew and Loveland

WHEREAS, Women have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to the social fabric, cultural institutions, political activities, and commerce in our communities, state, and nation; contributions often unrecognized in official histories; and

WHEREAS, Settlement of Washington and the West would not have been possible without a woman, Sacajawea, acting as guide, interpreter, peacemaker, and diplomat for the Lewis and Clark expedition; and

WHEREAS, Tacoma's first hospital was due to the unsung efforts of a woman, Fannie C. Paddock, who collected money as she traveled to her new home to build a hospital in the City of Destiny. She died en route, but what is now Tacoma General Hospital remains her legacy; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Centennial Cornish brought the arts and arts education to Seattle and the state of Washington through her Cornish School of Allied Arts and inspired countless artists including gifted choreographer Martha Graham; and

WHEREAS, Women have been instrumental in education throughout our history, including such women as Mary McCloud Bethune, founder of the still-thriving Bethune-Cookman College in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mother Joseph exemplified the pioneering women of Washington and the West with establishment of eleven hospitals, a dozen schools, two orphanages, and a home for the aged, and also earned recognition as the Pacific Northwest's first architect; and

WHEREAS, Assunta Eng pioneered Asian-American publishing in the Northwest with the Seattle Chinese Post and Northwest Asian Weekly newspapers and continues to publish her history-making newspapers for both Asian-American and non-Asian-heritage peoples; and

WHEREAS, Suffragette Susan B. Anthony was the first woman to address an assembled legislature in the United States, the Washington Territorial Legislature, on October 19, 1871; and

WHEREAS, The first big-city mayor in America was Bertha Knight Landes, elected to guide Seattle in the 1920's; and

WHEREAS, The women members of this legislature are, themselves, historic, by comprising the largest percentage of women in a state legislature in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate declare March as Women's History Month in the state of Washington and recognize March 8th as International Women's Day in acknowledgement of the contributions and accomplishments of women here and around the world; achievements that make for a better life for us all.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1994-8689,
adopted by the Senate March 8, 1994.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate