

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #227(2000-2001)

March 12, 2001

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached resolution recognizing March as National Women's History Month.

PERTINENT FACTS:

As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978. The celebration met with enthusiastic response and participation eventually spread across the nation.

In 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the entire month of March. Since then, the National Women's History Month Resolution has been approved with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. Each year programs and activities in schools and communities have become more extensive as information and program ideas have been developed and shared.

It seems only fitting that the Anchorage School District formally recognize this celebration designed to raise local awareness about women's remarkable contributions to our nation, community and our lives.

CC/LW/CW

Attachment

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