

Introduced by the County Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH, 2011 AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”
IN INGHAM COUNTY**

RESOLUTION #11-085

WHEREAS, the month of March is recognized as Women’s History Month and we honor the extraordinary women of our nation's past and recognize the countless women who are demonstrating leadership in every aspect of America life today; and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class and ethnic background have made historical contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social roles by entering and becoming a significant portion of the labor force; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement and the civil rights movement to name a few; and

WHEREAS, inspiration can be found in the women who have broken social and professional barriers in pursuit of their dreams; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony was one of the most powerful women's movement organizers of the 19th century, she fought for women's right to vote and also was very involved for the fight against slavery; and

WHEREAS, trailblazing first lady Eleanor Roosevelt spent her adult years working in politics and social reform, her warmth and compassion inspired the nation, and she later became the U.S. Delegate to the United Nations; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners joins the Ingham County Women’s Commission in recognizing March 2011 as Women's History Month in Ingham County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ingham County residents are encouraged to reflect on what this month means and to observe and celebrate it with programs, ceremonies, and activities that honor the history, accomplishments, and contributions of American women.

COUNTY SERVICES: Yeas: De Leon, Copedge, Celentino, Schor, Vickers, Dragonetti
Nays: None **Absent:** None **Approved 3/15/11**