

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 02-033

Proclaiming March 2002 as Women's History Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**


- a. American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation, State and County in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;
- b. American women have a critical role in our economic, cultural, and social lives in every sphere of our Nation, State and County constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;
- c. American women have had a unique role throughout the history of our Nation, State and County by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force;
- d. American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation, State and County;
- e. American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;
- f. American women have been leaders, not only in securing rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement, all of which create a more fair and just society for all; and
- g. Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American history; now therefore

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

March is designated as "Women's History Month" and all citizens of Multnomah County are called upon to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

ADOPTED this 7th day of March, 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

  
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Diane M. Linn, Chair

