

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 18

By: Hicks of the Senate
and
Ranson of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution applauding and recognizing the many contributions made by Oklahoma women to our Nation; recognizing and celebrating March as national Women's History Month; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma women have made historic contributions to the development, growth, and strength of our state and nation in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, even though women did not yet have the right to vote, in 1907, Kate Barnard became the first woman elected to a statewide office in Oklahoma, and one of the first women elected to a statewide office in the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, Angie Debo received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Oklahoma, and though she would never hold a position in a history department at a university because of gender

1 discrimination, she became known as Oklahoma's greatest historian,
2 writing nine history books, particularly focusing on the history of
3 Oklahoma, the Tribal Nations, and the relations between them and the
4 state and federal governments; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1958, Clara Luper and students from the Oklahoma
6 City NAACP Youth Council staged the nation's first nonviolent lunch
7 counter sit-in at Katz Drug Store; and

8 WHEREAS, in the 1990s, Oklahoman and NASA Astronaut Shannon
9 Lucid set records for the most time in space by a woman and then for
10 the longest-duration space flight by any U.S. astronaut; and

11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma women have made significant contributions in
12 other areas as well, including medicine, business, literature, the
13 arts, and more; and

14 WHEREAS, Oklahoma joins the rest of the country in observation
15 of national Women's History Month during March.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
17 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 CONCURRING THERIN:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature applauds and recognizes the
20 many contributions made by Oklahoma women throughout the nation's
21 history.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes and celebrates
23 March as national Women's History Month.

1 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma
2 Commission on the Status of Women.
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