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By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, women have made extraordinary and lasting contributions to our society and have played a vital role in shaping the course of this nation's history; and,

WHEREAS, generations of women have made tremendous efforts to secure rights and freedoms women enjoy today, including the right to vote, the right to serve in the nation's military, the right to control her own body, and the right to equal protection under the law; and,

WHEREAS, there is still much work to be done to achieve parity for women and protect the families they raise, including ending violence again women, eliminating gender-based wage disparity, and increasing the role of women in the workplace—especially in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); and,

WHEREAS, while the recognition of women is be a year-round commitment, the designation of the month of March as Women's History Month affords us the opportunity to celebrate the past, present, and future of women in Connecticut and across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, women's history is our history, and our sisters, mothers, grandmothers, and the matriarchs of our nation deserve our recognition, respect and honor; and,

WHEREAS, our children deserve our commitment to ensure they have every opportunity afforded to them irrespective of gender; now,

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim March 2012, as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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