

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-48

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS
“WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH”**

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our State in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of the life of the State by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey women have played a unique role throughout the history of the State by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the State; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in our State; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey 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, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, specifically the Division on Women's goals are to remember and celebrate New Jersey women and to:

- Ensure that NJ women are offered equal opportunities in education, the workforce and healthcare regardless of age, sexual orientation, income, ethnicity, race or religion.
- Identify, implement, measure and coordinate programs that address the needs of NJ women.
- Engage in continuous study and research on issues affecting NJ women and their families, develop policy papers and legislative recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen, State of New Jersey, that March 2007 is designated as “Women's History Month – Generation of Women Moving History Forward”.