UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Student Senate is the official voice of the student body at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and
WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to promoting and supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts; and
WHEREAS, in 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHP) was founded in Santa Rosa, California by Molly Murphy MacGregor, Mary Ruthsdotter, Maria Cuevas, Paula Hammett, and Bette Morgan; and
WHEREAS, this project highlighted historical achievements and moments that involved women; and
WHEREAS, Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28, which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.”; 1 and
WHEREAS, in 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month”; and
WHEREAS, since 1987, this month has been recognized federally as “Women’s History Month” and has continued to be recognized for the past thirty-three years; and
WHEREAS, for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to acknowledge this month and celebrate women would be supporting the efforts of the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, History, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies on campus and highlighting the majority gender group of our campus; and
WHEREAS, according to a 2017 demographic statistic breakdown, the incoming class of first year students were 1,500 female and 825 male; and
WHEREAS, US News states that “the majority of students at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire are female-identifying”; and
WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire’s Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and History department are holding events and programs for this month; and
WHEREAS, the events and programs these departments will be holding are taking on a larger discussion, those that are more inclusive and dives deeper into intersectional approaches; and

WHEREAS, these events and programs will be executed through forums, films, and other community outreach; and

WHEREAS, through such events that highlight beyond Eurocentric narratives and brings an intersectional perspective to our campus; and

WHEREAS, the highlighting in these events and programs of the achievements and the acknowledgement of the oppression of this gender will have an equitable approach to these conversations.

WHEREAS, this month has been dedicated to amplify women’s voices, to honor the past, inform the present, and inspire the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Student Senate acknowledges the month is celebrating women throughout history and the importance of highlighting these moments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we acknowledge the limitation that may be perceived by the title of this month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we will acknowledge that highlighting one marginalized group does not mean nullifying other marginalized groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Student Senate will continue to support EDI initiatives on campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Student Senate will continue to support Women’s History Month and all events and activities held to honor this month; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Paul Butrymowicz, Assistant Director, Activities, Involvement, and Leadership Office; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers, Evan Weiher, University Senate, Vicky Thomas, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities

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