

EMU Resolution Designating **March 2009** as *Women's History Month*

Whereas the President, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States have designated the month of **March** as *Women's History Month* since 1987, calling on the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Whereas Eastern Michigan University proudly has contributed such programs, ceremonies, and activities since the first Joint Congressional Resolution for a National Women's History Week, sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Barbara Mikulski, passed in 1981, in order to:

- acknowledge that women of every race, class, ethnic affiliation, and gender identity have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of the global community;
- demonstrate an appreciation of human diversity by providing an atmosphere of mutual respect through its programs and activities;
- celebrate the pivotal role of EMU's Program in Women's and Gender Studies in developing the field of women's studies by offering the first formal university curriculum in the State of Michigan in 1975.

Whereas Eastern Michigan University, under the auspices of the Program in Women's and Gender Studies during March 2009, will present exhibitions, lectures, panels, films and a photo-documentary around the theme of *Celebrating ♀ur Diversity*, including:

- *Women's Ware/Women's Wear* Exhibition, Student Center University Gallery
- *Feminists are Funny*, Guerrilla Girls on Tour
- *Smashing the Ceiling*, Magdalen Hsu-Li
- *The Nexus: Women, Religion, Race and Civil Rights*, Dr. Bettye Collier-Thomas
- a variety of other celebrations, explorations, and dialogues designed to promote a more expansive vision of what a woman can do.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents called upon the Eastern Michigan University community to join the President of the United States, the Governor of the great State of Michigan, and universities and communities across the nation in honoring these observances at Eastern Michigan University during March 2009.