



RESOLUTION NO. 21A

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S NATIONAL HISTORY MONTH, MARCH 2025

WHEREAS, in 1987, the United States Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity, recognizing the vital role of women in shaping the nation's history, and each year, a special Presidential Proclamation is issued to honor the extraordinary achievements of American women; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 National Women's History Month theme, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," highlights the profound influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship and leadership, empowering future generations to thrive; and

WHEREAS, throughout history women have been at the forefront of movements that have advanced justice, democracy, civil and human rights – including the abolitionist and emancipation movements, the fight for suffrage and equal opportunity, the labor movement, and the ongoing struggle for peace and global equity; and

WHEREAS, women of all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds have made significant and often unrecognized contributions to the economic, political, social, and intellectual fabric of the nation, playing critical roles in advocacy, policymaking, and grassroots organizing at the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have been particularly important in establishing and leading philanthropic, educational, and cultural institutions in the U.S., strengthening the foundation of civic engagement and community development across the nation; and

WHEREAS, women have courageously served our country in the U.S. military, demonstrating resilience and leadership in every branch of service, often overcoming barriers to equity and recognition; and

WHEREAS, women have played a vital role in shaping the U.S. workforce, contributing to industries, innovation, and economic growth as a significant portion of the paid and volunteer labor force while also shouldering significant caregiving responsibilities in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, despite these invaluable contributions, women remain underrepresented in leadership roles across many sectors, including government, business, academia, highlighting the ongoing need for systemic change and inclusive policies that advance gender equity.

WHEREAS, the history, achievements, and resilience of women must be acknowledged and integrated into the teaching and study of American history to ensure a more complete and inclusive narrative;

WHEREAS, 4CD serves more than 45,000 students annually, of whom 54% are women, and is committed to fostering an environment where all individuals can reach their full potential through access, opportunity, and belonging; and

WHEREAS, 4CD takes pride in its leadership team, which includes visionary women who bring a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective guiding 4CD's future with expertise, innovation, and a commitment to student success, including Governing Board Vice President Diana Honig, Governing Board member Rebecca Barrett, Chancellor Mojdeh Mehdizadeh and members of Chancellor's Cabinet, including Contra Costa College President Dr. Kimberly R. Rogers; Diablo Valley College President Susan E. Lamb; Los Medanos College President Dr. Pamela Ralston; Executive Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services Dr. Micaela Ochoa; Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology Kelly Schelin; Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Construction Ines Zildzic; and Director, Communications and Community Relations Jennifer Ortega - who collectively champion educational excellence, equity, and student-centered leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 4CD Governing Board joins the nation in commemorating March as National Women's History Month and reaffirms its commitment to advancing gender equity through policies, programs, and initiatives that recognize and uplift the contributions of women in all aspects of society.

ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2025, by the 4CD Governing Board.

Approved:



Andy Li, President
4CD Governing Board

Attested to:



Fernando Sandoval, Secretary
4CD Governing Board