



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2023 AS NEVADA COUNTY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, women have been a vital part of Nevada County's history and community, business and cultural life; and

WHEREAS, Ellen Clark Sargent played a key role in securing voting rights for women through her tireless work with Susan B. Anthony and other suffrage organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 1901, Sarah Kidder assumed control and became president of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad located in Grass Valley, California, becoming the first woman in the world to run a railroad; and

WHEREAS, Lola Montez, Lotta Crabtree, Emma Nevada and other women raised Nevada County's profile through their talent and artistic contributions; and

WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own voting rights and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist, emancipation, industrial labor, civil rights, 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 American women in history has been overlooked and undervalued, in literature, teaching and study of American history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 2023 as Nevada County Women's History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors urges Nevada County residents to observe March 2023 as Nevada County Women's History Month by participating in programs, ceremonies, and activities conducted, in part, at the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum, including a "Kidder Wing" exhibit, tours, talks and a short film produced by Nevada Union High School students, "Who Is Sarah Kidder," a film project made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.