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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Heidi Hall, District 1

SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming March 2023 as Nevada County Women's History Month

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Women have been a vital component in Nevada County history and creation of community, business and cultural life in Nevada County. Ellen Clark Sargent played a key role in bringing women the right to vote through her tireless work with Susan B. Anthony and other suffrage organizations. 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 Lola Montez, Lotta Crabtree, Emma Nevada and others brought a level of culture and performing arts to Nevada County.

American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own right to vote and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the peace movement.

Nevada County Women's History Month will include 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.

Item Initiated: Sarah Holyhead
Approved: Julie Patterson Hunter
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