

1	(After Deadline)						
2 3	SECOND REGULAR SESSION						
4 5	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE						
6 7	Legislative Document No. 2119						
8	H.P. 1597 House of Representatives, February 23, 1984 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council						
. 10	pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.						
11	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk						
, 12	Presented by Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro. Cosponsors: Representative Melendy of Rockland, Senator Wood of York and Representative Rolde of York.						
13 14	STATE OF MAINE						
15 16 17	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR						
18 19 20	AN ACT to Recognize National Women's History Week.						
21 22	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:						
23	Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §122 is enacted to read:						
24	§122. National Women's History Week						
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting aside that week containing International Women's Day, March 8th, as National Women's History Week. The proclamation shall invite and urge the peo- ple of the State to observe the week in schools and other suitable places with appropriate ceremony and study with an emphasis on the historical accomplish- ments of Maine women. The Department of Educational						
33 34	and Cultural Services and the Maine Commission for Women shall make appropriate information available to						

- 1 the people and the schools within the limits of their 2 budgets.
- 3 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4805, sub-§6 is enacted to 4 read:

5		National							
6	Women's	History	Week	is	the	week	contai	ning	March
7	8th, in	accordance	e with	Tit	cle 1	, sect	tion 12	22.	

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STATEMENT OF FACT

9 The following was drafted by a group of 8th grade 10 students at the Carl B. Lord School in Vassalboro.

We the eight-one division of the 8th grade at Carl B. Lord School in Vassalboro, feel a Women's History Week is necessary for the following reasons.

14 First, to acknowledge that women did have a part 15 in our history. Women were important in the everyday 16 lives of their families and contributed to history 17 long before the suffrage movement of the 20's.

18 The ratio of famous men to famous women is 19 imbalanced partially due to the restraints placed on 20 women in education.

A Women's History Week will help to motivate women and girls to become involved in what they feel is important, not to sit back and let someone else do it.

Women are becoming more and more important in world events and there should be a time set aside to cover history from a different perspective.

Finally, women have always been present in history, but little recognition has been paid to their accomplishments.

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