## Office of the Superintendent of Schools MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Rockville, Maryland

February 28, 2011

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Women's History Month—March 2011

WHEREAS, In 1978, a designated week in March was selected as a time to honor American women; the commemoration was expanded in 1987 to include the full month of March; and

WHEREAS, Our nation has been inspired by the quiet fortitude, courage, and determination of American women who have advocated for our highest ideals, advanced our common well-being, and strengthened our nation; and

WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project has selected the theme, "Our History is Our Strength," to commemorate Women's History Month in 2011; and

WHEREAS, American women have demonstrated their tenacity in America's industrial plants; in her board rooms creating policies; on her battlefields fighting for ideals and protecting us from our nation's enemies. In addition, America's women have established themselves as leaders in politics, law, education, family life, medicine, science, business, community service, and the arts; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools hereby declare the month of March 2011 to be "Women's History Month"; and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>, That the Montgomery County Board of Education and the superintendent of schools ask staff and schools to observe the month of March 2011 as Women's History Month and celebrate with activities that honor American women, their accomplishments, and contributions to our country and Montgomery County.

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