

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 16

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WALTON GRAY (Sponsor), PACE, McGEORGHEGAN,  
NEWMAN, McCANN BEATTY, McCREERY, MAY, OXFORD, MORGAN, McNEIL, LAMPE,  
RIDDLE AND ZERR (Co-sponsors).

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2       **WHEREAS**, in 1987, the United States Congress declared March to serve as "Women's  
History Month" to acknowledge the important role women have played in shaping America; and

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4       **WHEREAS**, although women constitute a majority of the nation's population, their  
5 achievements and contributions are underrepresented in museums and memorials; and

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7       **WHEREAS**, only 10% of the people identified in a recent survey of 18 history textbooks  
8 were women; and

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10       **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in  
11 American History called for a women's history museum to be established on the National Mall  
12 in Washington, D.C.; and

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14       **WHEREAS**, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM), founded in 1996, is a  
15 nonpartisan, nonprofit, educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and  
16 celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women, and integrating the heritage of women  
17 fully into this nation's history; and

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19       **WHEREAS**, the NWHM seeks a site on or close to the National Mall and in close  
20 proximity to the White House and U.S. Capitol Building; and

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22       **WHEREAS**, the NWHM has identified federally owned property for sale near the  
23 National Mall; and

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25       **WHEREAS**, legislation is currently pending in the U.S. Congress seeking authorization  
26 for the NWHM to be able to purchase this property at fair market value with privately raised  
27 moneys, with no federal moneys being requested for the purchase of this land; and

28       **WHEREAS**, there are museums dedicated to flight, postage stamps, buildings, and many  
29 other important people and issues of interest, but not to women, and yet women comprise 51%  
30 of the nation's population; and

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32       **WHEREAS**, the NWHM will showcase the full history of women in the United States  
33 and the contributions they have made and continue to make in the marketplace, arts and sciences,  
34 government, entertainment, education, home, and community; and

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36       **WHEREAS**, a coalition of 43 women's organizations representing 8 million women,  
37 including the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), supports the efforts of th  
38 NWHM to establish a permanent residence near the National Mall, the most prominent location  
39 for museums to be situated in the nation's capital:

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41       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
42 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate  
43 concurring therein, hereby request the esteemed members of the Missouri Congressional  
44 delegation to support the National Women's History Museum's efforts to secure a permanent  
45 home in the nation's capital for a museum that will highlight the important role women have  
46 played in shaping this great nation; and

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48       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
49 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each  
50 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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