Women’s History Month: How It All Began

As recently as three decades ago, the subject of women’s history was a little-known and often unexplored part of American history. To help raise awareness in both the public consciousness and in schools, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (CA) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a “Women’s History Week” celebration in 1978. The Commission chose the week of March 8 in order to focus its observance around International Women’s Day. Within a few years, a Congressional Resolution declared “National Women’s History Week,” making the annual celebration a national observance. These early women’s history commemorations spurred more and more interest in uncovering women’s forgotten heritage and legacies and, by 1987, both the House and the Senate approved a Congressional Resolution to expand the celebration to the entire month of March.

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