



For Immediate Release

March 11, 2016

Contact:

Kristin Svyantek Garvey, (317) 232-6720

Governor Pence declares March Women's History Month

INDIANAPOLIS (March 11, 2016) –Governor Michael Pence has proclaimed March to be “Women’s History Month” in the state of Indiana. While women’s history should be celebrated and studied throughout the year, the month of March is an opportunity to observe the role women have played in shaping Indiana’s history, and the critical role all women continue to play in shaping our state’s future.

In particular, this year is a unique opportunity for all Hoosiers to honor women’s contributions to Indiana as the state celebrates its Bicentennial. Starting March 1, 2016, the Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) began publishing vignettes for its *Writing Her Story* initiative to its website at www.in.gov/icw/2440.htm. Information is also being sent through social media outlets.

For thirty-one days during Women’s History Month, ICW is highlighting women who have contributed to Indiana’s 200 years of history. ICW created *Writing Her Story* in 2012 to shed light on both the resilience and strength of Hoosier women and their accomplishments and contributions to Indiana. The 2016 *Writing Her Story: 31 Women in 31 Days* project has been endorsed by the Indiana Bicentennial Commission as a 2016 Bicentennial Legacy Project. A legacy project is designed to celebrate Indiana’s past and present and highlight the best of Indiana for the state’s 2016 Bicentennial celebration.

[You can read Governor Pence’s proclamation here.](#)

For information on *Writing Her Story* or about the Indiana Commission for Women, contact Kristin Garvey at the Indiana Commission for Women at (317) 232-6720 or info@icw.in.gov.

###

About Women’s History Month

Women’s History Month began as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.” In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month.” Every year since 1995, a special Presidential Proclamation has been issued to honor achievements of American women.

About the Indiana Commission for Women:

The mission of the Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) is to understand the needs of Indiana women and their families, and to work strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive solutions. ICW is committed to the full participation of women in all aspects of society in order to make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family.