



## **National Women's History Month 2006**

In 1981, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution establishing National Women's History Week to coincide with International Women's Day, March 8. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the U.S. president has issued a proclamation.

Before 1970, women's history was rarely the subject of serious study. As historian Mary Beth Norton recalls, "only one or two scholars would have identified themselves as women's historians, and no formal doctoral training in the subject was available anywhere in the country." Since then, however, the field has undergone a metamorphosis. Today almost every college offers women's history courses and most major graduate programs offer doctoral degrees in the field.

The U.S. Census Bureau has compiled some interesting statistics on women in the United States ranging from motherhood to business ownership and everything in the middle. To view these statistics go to [http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts\\_for\\_features\\_special\\_editions/006232.html](http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/006232.html)