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Lena Gonzalez
Councilwoman, First District
City of Long Beach

Date: March 8, 2016
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, District 1 *LL*
Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, District 2 *SL*
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, District 7 *(R)*
Subject: Resolution in Support of HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality)
and to declare March 11, 2016 as the 25th Annual Latina History Day.

RECOMMENDATION:

Request the City Attorney to draft a resolution in support of declaring March 11, 2016 as the 25th Annual Latina History Day and congratulate Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE), for their service to the Latinas in the City of Long Beach.

BACKGROUND:

Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez (HOPE Class of 2013), Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal and Councilmember Roberto Uranga would like to proclaim March 11, 2016 Latina History Day at Long Beach City Hall.

The resolution of *Latina History Day* during "Women's History Month" memorializes the important role Latinas play in American society. Latinas are breaking barriers and becoming pioneering in their respective industries. Today, Latinas are leaders in business, politics, and education and hold high level positions in local, state and federal governments. *Latina History Day* recognizes the hard work and sacrifices of our mothers and grandmothers, celebrates contemporary Latinas, and builds the foundation for future generations. This resolution will keep with the 24 year tradition of celebrating *Latina History Day*.

Resolution Language

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

- (1) Information collected from Hispanas Organized for Political Equality-California

Attachment for Resolution to Support of HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality) and to declare March 11, 2016 as the 25th Annual Latina History Day.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TO DECLARE MARCH 11, 2016 AS THE 25TH ANNUAL LATINA HISTORY DAY

WHEREAS, since it's founding in 1989, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) has remained dedicated to improving the education, political and economic status of Latinas through its conferences and two flagship programs, the HOPE Leadership Institute and the HOPE Youth Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, HOPE has impacted the lives of 50,000 Latinas statewide, the HOPE Leadership Institute has trained 469 professional Latinas and the HOPE Youth Leadership Program has trained 333 11th grade youth; and

WHEREAS, HOPE has anchored itself by the principle that knowledge of Latina historical contributions to our society coupled with knowledge of the political process will guarantee a more representative, democratic government; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of Latina History Day during "Women's History Month" memorialized the important role Latinas play in American society; and

WHEREAS, Latinas are breaking barriers and becoming pioneers in their respective industries; and

WHEREAS, Latinas own businesses, Latinas are executives in our country's largest corporations; and

WHEREAS, Latinas are being elected to public office and appointed to powerful positions in local, state and federal governments, to date HOPE alumnae have served in 46 elected offices, 133 appointed state and local positions and serve on over 200 non-profit boards ; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate contemporary Latinas who continue to build upon the foundation of our ancestors for the betterment of future generations; and

WHEREAS, we challenge each other through HOPE to ensure that Latinas achieve political and economic parity to benefit all communities and the status of all women:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution the City Council of Long Beach along with the Mayor does hereby declare March 11, 2016 as the 25th Annual Latina History Day and congratulates Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE), for their service to the Latinas of this great city.