

**§ 80s-2. Private support for civil rights history project**

**(a) Encouraging solicitation and acceptance of donations**

The Librarian of Congress and the Secretary are encouraged to solicit and accept donations of funds and in-kind contributions to support activities under section 80s-1 of this title.

**(b) Dedication of funds provided to Library of Congress**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) any funds donated to the Librarian of Congress to support the activities of the Librarian under section 80s-1 of this title shall be deposited entirely into an account established for such purpose;

(2) the funds contained in such account shall be used solely to support such activities; and

(3) the Librarian of Congress may not deposit into such account any funds donated to the Librarian which are not donated for the exclusive purpose of supporting such activities.

(Pub. L. 111-19, § 4, May 12, 2009, 123 Stat. 1614.)

**§ 80s-3. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter—

(1) \$500,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

(2) such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

(Pub. L. 111-19, § 5, May 12, 2009, 123 Stat. 1615.)

SUBCHAPTER XVI—WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

**§ 80t. Findings**

Congress finds the following:

(1) Since its founding, the United States has greatly benefitted from the contributions of women.

(2) Historical accounts, monuments, memorials, and museums disproportionately represent men's achievements and contributions and often neglect those of women. For example—

(A) a study of 18 United States history textbooks concluded that 10 percent of the material documented contributions of women;

(B) 9 statues out of 91 in the United States Capitol's National Statuary Hall depict women; and

(C) only one of the 44 monuments operated by the National Park Service specifically honors the achievements of women after the 2016 designation of the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument.

(3) There exists no national museum in the United States that is devoted to the documentation of women's contributions throughout the Nation's history.

(4) On December 19, 2014, Congress created a Congressional Commission to study the potential for an American museum of women's history. The bipartisan Commission unanimously concluded that the United States needs and deserves a physical national museum dedi-

cated to showcasing the historical experiences and impact of women in the United States.

(5) A comprehensive women's history museum would document the full spectrum of the experiences of women in the United States, represent a diverse range of viewpoints, experiences, and backgrounds, more accurately depict the history of the United States, and add value to the Smithsonian Institution.

(6) The collections, exhibits, historical narrative materials, and museum programming of the women's history museum should be inclusive, comprehensive, and innovative. Such collections, exhibits, materials, and programming should present the diverse range of experiences and viewpoints of all women in the United States, reflecting upon the things that set women apart from one another while also highlighting the experiences that many of these women share.

(Pub. L. 116-260, div. T, title I, § 102, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2272.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 116-260, div. T, title I, § 101, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2272, provided that: "This title [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Act'."

**§ 80t-1. Establishment of Museum**

**(a) Establishment**

There is established within the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, to be named by the Board of Regents in consultation with the council established under section 80t-2 of this title (referred to in this subchapter<sup>1</sup> as the "Museum").

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of the Museum established under this section shall be to provide for—

(1) the collection and study of, and the establishment of programs relating to, women's contributions to various fields and throughout different periods of history that have influenced the direction of the United States;

(2) collaboration with other Smithsonian Institution museums and facilities, outside museums, and educational institutions; and

(3) the creation of exhibitions and programs that recognize diverse perspectives on women's history and contributions.

(Pub. L. 116-260, div. T, title I, § 103, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2273.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title I of div. T of Pub. L. 116-260, known as the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Act, which is classified to this subchapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**§ 80t-2. Council**

**(a) Establishment**

There is established within the Smithsonian Institution a council to carry out the duties set forth under subsection (b) and other provisions

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.