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FEBRUARY 14, 2017

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2017 as "National Women's History
2 Month" and March 8, 2017, as "International Women's Day" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Women of every race, class and ethnic background
5 have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of
6 the nation and the world in countless recorded and unrecorded
7 ways; and

8 WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a
9 critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of
10 life in the nation by constituting a significant portion of the
11 labor force, working inside and outside the home; and

12 WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the
13 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural
14 institutions in the nation; and

1 WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, securing their own
2 rights of suffrage and equal opportunity; and

3 WHEREAS, Through their contributions to the abolitionist
4 movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor
5 movement, the civil rights movement and especially the peace
6 movement, American women have created a more fair and just
7 society for all; and

8 WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of American
9 women in history has been consistently overlooked and
10 undervalued in the literature, teaching and study of American
11 and world history; and

12 WHEREAS, After the American Revolution, the notion of
13 education as a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for
14 girls to gain a basic education only; and

15 WHEREAS, Pioneers of secondary education for young women
16 faced arguments from physicians and others that females were
17 incapable of intellectual development equal to that of men and
18 would be harmed by striving for it; and

19 WHEREAS, Women's commitment to educational equality
20 throughout academia has resulted in their involvement and
21 ascension in politics and government; and

22 WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project began with a
23 proclamation by President Jimmy Carter that declared the week of
24 March 8, 1980, as the first "National Women's History Week"; and

25 WHEREAS, This year, the theme for "National Women's History
26 Month," "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business,"
27 commends those who have successfully expanded women's roles in
28 the United States business sector and the paid labor force; and

29 WHEREAS, Against social conventions and legal constraints,
30 women have created a legacy that broadens the frontiers of

1 possibility for future generations; and

2 WHEREAS, Women have demonstrated their character, courage and
3 commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, relief
4 workers, CEOs and leaders in business, politics, religion and
5 their communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Women's lives and work inspire girls and women to
7 achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to
8 respect the diversity and depth of women's experience; and

9 WHEREAS, The first "International Women's Day" was held in
10 1911; and

11 WHEREAS, "International Women's Day" is now celebrated
12 annually on March 8; and

13 WHEREAS, On "International Women's Day," thousands of events
14 are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate the
15 social, political and economic achievements of women while
16 focusing world attention on areas requiring further action; and

17 WHEREAS, The 2017 theme of "International Women's Day" is "Be
18 Bold For Change," which calls upon the masses and individuals to
19 forge a better-working, more gender-inclusive world; and

20 WHEREAS, The vast array of communication channels, supportive
21 spokespeople, equality research, campaigns and corporate
22 responsibility initiatives means that everyone can be an
23 advocate inspiring change for women's advancement; and

24 WHEREAS, Thousands of events are occurring to mark the
25 economic, political and social achievements of women as
26 organizations, governments, charities, educational institutions,
27 women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, "National Women's History Month" and "International
30 Women's Day" observances are ideal venues for all Pennsylvanians

1 to reflect on women's struggle for equal educational rights and
2 their significant contributions to this Commonwealth and the
3 nation; and

4 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of March 2017 as "National
5 Women's History Month" and March 8, 2017, as "International
6 Women's Day" highlights the achievements of the women across
7 this Commonwealth and the nation who have created a more fair
8 and just society for all people; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
10 month of March 2017 as "National Women's History Month" and
11 March 8, 2017, as "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania
12 and invite the women, men and children of this Commonwealth to
13 explore the critical economic, cultural and social roles women
14 have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in this
15 Commonwealth and the nation.