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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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BREWSTER, GREENLEAF, LEACH, SABATINA, SCAVELLO, RAFFERTY AND  
RESCHENTHALER, MARCH 21, 2017

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 21, 2017

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 8, 2017, as "International Women's Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Senate acknowledges women's economic, political  
4 and social achievements and pays tribute to their role in  
5 strengthening and connecting communities in this Commonwealth  
6 and beyond; and

7 WHEREAS, The Senate joins women's groups around the world who  
8 are observing "International Women's Day" without regard to  
9 national boundaries, ethnicity, language, culture or  
10 socioeconomic status; and

11 WHEREAS, The Senate commemorates the struggle for women's  
12 rights and applauds women's notable progress and aspirations  
13 relative to equality, justice, peace and global development; and

14 WHEREAS, Women in this Commonwealth, who comprise more than  
15 50% of the population, and women around the world are  
16 steadfastly pursuing these goals despite recessions, wars or  
17 unrest, disease, oppression and the burdens of poverty; and

1       WHEREAS, The first "International Women's Day" was held in  
2 1911 during a time of great expansion and turbulence in the  
3 industrialized world; and

4       WHEREAS, Significant attention to working conditions and  
5 labor legislation in the United States became the focus for the  
6 1911 and subsequent Women's Day events and now each year  
7 "International Women's Day" is celebrated on March 8; and

8       WHEREAS, Annually on "International Women's Day," thousands  
9 of events are held throughout the world to inspire women and  
10 celebrate the social, political and economic achievements of  
11 women while focusing world attention on areas requiring further  
12 action; and

13       WHEREAS, The 2017 theme of "International Women's Day" is "Be  
14 Bold For Change"; and

15       WHEREAS, The vast array of communication channels, supportive  
16 spokespeople, equality research, campaigns and corporate  
17 responsibility initiatives means that everyone can be an  
18 advocate, inspiring change for women's advancement and mark the  
19 economic, political and social achievements of women and women's  
20 organizations; therefore be it

21       RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize March 8, 2017, as  
22 "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania and respectfully  
23 acknowledge women's rich and diverse accomplishments and  
24 tireless aspirations.