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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2021, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Carson, Cortvriend, Ackerman, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: March 04, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s, at a  
2 time when women's oppression and inequality were causing women to become more vocal,  
3 active, and demanding of change; and

4 WHEREAS, The first National Women's Day was observed in the United States on  
5 February 28, 1909, where women protested and demanded shorter hours, better pay, and voting  
6 rights; and

7 WHEREAS, The first countries to honor International Women's Day in 1911 were  
8 Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, with more than one million women and men  
9 attending International Women's Day rallies, demanding women's rights including the right to  
10 work, vote, to hold public office, and an end to discrimination in general; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 8<sup>th</sup> as  
12 International Women's Day throughout the world, a day that is celebrated in the United States and  
13 globally; and

14 WHEREAS, International Women's Day has grown exponentially, nationally and  
15 internationally, in developed and developing countries alike; and

16 WHEREAS, The United Nations declared the 2021 theme for the International Women's  
17 Day to be #ChooseToChallenge, inspiring all to choose to challenge and call out gender bias and  
18 inequality, and to also choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements in order to help  
19 create an inclusive world; and

1           WHEREAS, In a world where gender parity and equality remain elusive, the world will  
2 continue to see sweeping and revolutionary movements like #TimesUp and the #MeToo  
3 Movements; and

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
5 recognizes March 8, 2021, as "International Women's Day" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it  
6 further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

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