

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2024, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Cano, Felag, Lauria, F. Lombardi, E Morgan, Britto, Ciccone, Ujifusa, Rogers, and de la Cruz

Date Introduced: March 07, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s, at a
2 time when women's oppression and inequality were spurring 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, during which women protested and demanded shorter work hours, better pay,
6 and voting rights; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1911, the first countries to honor International Women's Day 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, and hold public office, and to put an end to discrimination in general; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 8th 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 both developed and developing countries alike; and

16 WHEREAS, The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is Inspire
17 Inclusion. "When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better
18 world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging,
19 relevance, and empowerment"; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes March 8,
2 2024, as "International Women's Day" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor of the
5 State of Rhode Island.

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