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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2026, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" AND THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Lori Urso

Date Introduced: March 05, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a global observance of the social, economic,
2 cultural and political achievements of women, marking a call to action to accelerate gender
3 equality, and to honor the contributions of women worldwide; and

4 WHEREAS, International Women's Day was launched in Denmark in 1911, as a day to
5 rally for the rights of women to work, to vote, to be trained and to hold public office, and to end
6 gender oppression and discrimination against women; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its recognition by the United Nations in 1975, International Women's
8 Day has become an annual occasion to uplift and empower women and girls, to honor their
9 achievements and to safeguard their futures, to promote women's equality and rights, and to
10 showcase organizations that prioritize the well-being of women; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2026, we celebrate the 115th observance of International Women's Day,
12 adopting the annual theme Give to Gain, to encourage a mindset of generosity and collaboration,
13 and a step forward in solidarity to help accelerate equality for the 170 million women in the
14 United States, and 4 billion women worldwide; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout our history, the State of Rhode Island, and its ancestral lands,
16 have been enriched by the legacies of many of its female citizens, from its respected 17th century
17 female sachems, to its 18th century women of business and invention, its 19th century trailblazers
18 in industry and society, and its 20th century leaders and decision makers; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2026, we recognize the 39th observance of Women's History Month with

1 a theme Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future, one that encompasses
2 financial sustainability, community resilience, leadership succession, and intergenerational
3 equity; and

4 WHEREAS, The women of the 21st century are designing blueprints for sustainable
5 transformation, in the development of green technologies, advancing economic justice,
6 strengthening education systems, and building civic power; and

7 WHEREAS, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island desires to carry forward these
8 traditions, encouraging all citizens to learn about the contributions of women to American
9 history, and to support a path forward for those who desire to shape a positive future for the
10 benefit of all citizens; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby recognizes March 8, 2026, as “International
12 Women’s Day” and the month of March as “Women’s History Month” in the State of Rhode
13 Island; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Daniel J. McKee, Governor of
16 the State of Rhode Island.

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