

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1995-8626**

By Senators Kohl, Winsley, Spanel, Wood, Long, Wojahn, Prentice, Sheldon, Gaspard, C. Anderson, Snyder, Loveland, Pelz, Rinehart, Bauer, Franklin, Quigley, McAuliffe, Fairley, Sutherland, Drew, Fraser, Smith, Heavey, Prince, A. Anderson, Hale, Johnson, Roach, Haugen and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, Women of every age, race, religion, creed, ethnicity, economic status, and degree of ability and disability have immeasurably enriched our homes, our state, our country, and every nation on Earth; and

WHEREAS, American women played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force whether working inside or outside of the home, whether paid or volunteer; and

WHEREAS, American women of every age, race, religion, creed, ethnicity, economic status, and degree of ability and disability served as early leaders of every major progressive, social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women were leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and especially the peace movement, to create a more fair and just society for all; and

WHEREAS, The recent State Department annual report on human rights abundantly illustrates that day-to-day discrimination against women remains a fact of life around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Women continue to lead efforts in working against violence committed against women and children, promoting equity, and eliminating discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The Senate has always been a champion of women's rights and a national leader in progress for women, and for the first time in any majority caucus of any state legislature in history, women are a majority in the Senate's majority caucus; and

WHEREAS, Washington State now has more women legislators than any state in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1995 is the 85th anniversary of women's suffrage in Washington State and the 75th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States; and

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month and the United Nations has declared March 8th to be International Women's Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor, thank, and celebrate the women of our state, country, and the world and recognize March 8th as International Women's Day.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1995-8626,
adopted by the Senate March 8, 1995.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate