

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8643**

By Senators Eide, Kohl-Welles, Patterson, Brown, Spanel, Rasmussen, Fairley, Costa and Fraser

WHEREAS, Women of every age, race, religion, creed, ethnicity, economic status, and degree of ability and disability have immeasurably enriched and continue to enrich our homes, schools, workplaces, communities, state, country, and every nation on earth; and

WHEREAS, Women have played 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 as volunteers; and

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

WHEREAS, Day-to-day discrimination against women remains a fact of life around the globe, and women continue to be largely unrecognized and undervalued for their historical and contemporary accomplishments; and

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

WHEREAS, Washington State has always been a champion of women's rights and a national leader in promoting progress for women, having been one of the first states to grant suffrage to women, having the highest proportion of women legislators of any State Legislature, currently, and in the history of the United States, and having a majority of women in the Senate majority caucus, which is a first in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America remains a world leader and must continue to set the standards for women's rights and equality; and

WHEREAS, 1999 is the eighty-ninth anniversary of women's suffrage in Washington State and the seventy-ninth anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States; and

WHEREAS, March is National Women's History Month as proclaimed by Congress, and March 8th is International Women's Day as proclaimed by the United Nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor and celebrate the women of our state, country, and the world, and recognize that today March 8th is International Women's Day and that March is National Women's History Month.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8643,
adopted by the Senate March 8, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate