

SENATE RESOLUTION

8738

By Senators Chase, Fain, Nelson, Benton, and Fraser

1 WHEREAS, International Women's Day first emerged from the
2 activities of labor movements at the turn of the twentieth century
3 and has both local and global dimensions; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington women of every race, class, and ethnic
5 background have made historic contributions to the growth and
6 strength of our state and nation in countless recorded and unrecorded
7 ways; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington women have played and continue to play a
9 critical political, economic, cultural, and social role in every
10 sphere of life by constituting a significant portion of the labor
11 force, and have made progress towards achieving gender equity since
12 1971; and

13 WHEREAS, The Washington State Women's Council and Washington
14 Women United, 1971-1986, were established "To consider appropriate
15 questions pertaining to the rights and needs of women in contemporary
16 America and to make recommendations to the Legislature with respect
17 to desirable changes in program and law"; and

18 WHEREAS, From the early 1970s until the Fourth World Conference
19 on Women in 1995 and now today, women have made progress in achieving
20 the full privileges and responsibilities of leadership in Washington
21 state; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Patty Murray, Secretary of State Kim Wyman,
23 Senator Maria Cantwell, and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers have

1 provided outstanding leadership throughout our state, nation,
2 and world, and represent outstanding role models for women and
3 girls; and

4 WHEREAS, At the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in
5 Beijing, the global call was to end all forms of violence
6 against women and girls by highlighting violence against women
7 as one of twelve critical areas of concern; and

8 WHEREAS, The growing international women's movement, which
9 has been strengthened by the four global United Nations women's
10 conferences, has helped make the 2015 commemoration of the
11 Beijing Declaration and Platform a rallying point to build
12 support for women's rights and participation in the political
13 and economic arenas; and

14 WHEREAS, The Beijing+20 review session recommitted the
15 international community to women's rights and empowerment as
16 being at the heart of global sustainable development; and

17 WHEREAS, The 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development
18 Goals reassert the necessity of women's safety and health,
19 women's inclusion in all realms of society, and acknowledgment
20 of both women's professional and family-related contributions to
21 the economy and community; and

22 WHEREAS, This is the time to uphold women's achievements,
23 recognize challenges, and focus greater attention on women's
24 rights and gender equality to mobilize all people to do their
25 part; and

26 WHEREAS, From the early 1970s to the international movement
27 today, from the actions of our mothers and grandmothers to the
28 goals of our daughters, women have made progress in achieving
29 the full privileges and responsibilities of leadership in
30 Washington state and the world;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
32 Senate celebrate the achievements of women in history and
33 commend Washington state women's participation in global action
34 towards greater equality, justice, and fairness.

35 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
36 do hereby certify that this is a true and
37 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8738,

1 adopted by the Senate
2 March 8, 2016

3 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
4 Secretary of the Senate