SENATE RESOLUTION

8628

By Senators Saldaña, Walsh, Chase, Cleveland, Liias, Rolfes, Billig, Conway, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Darneille, Wilson, Warnick, Brown, Angel, Bailey, Pedersen, Miloscia, Fain, McCoy, Keiser, Wellman, Schoesler, Padden, Ericksen, Zeiger, King, Hawkins, Becker, Pearson, Hunt, Fortunato, Palumbo, Kuderer, Ranker, Carlyle, Nelson, Rossi, Takko, Rivers, and Frockt

WHEREAS, March 8th is International Women's Day; and

WHEREAS, Washington women, of every race, income level, and ethnic background, have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Women as employers and employees are essential to all aspects of our economy, including education, manufacturing, agriculture, sports, hospitality, the military, technology, health care, philanthropy, arts and culture, and public service; and

WHEREAS, Women are essential in leadership roles that are often historically underestimated and undervalued, including being mothers; heads of households; and caretakers of our state's children, elders, and most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Despite their great contributions, women in our society continue to be disadvantaged in a number of areas, including access to health and maternity care, wage equity and lifetime earnings, and women of color and rural women are often at the greatest disadvantage in those areas; and

WHEREAS, In the face of these disadvantages, women have risen up to become leaders as business owners, CEOs, elected officials, and advocates, and women continue to be indispensable to our families and our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the contributions of women to our society, economy, and community; and honor all women throughout our state, nation, and world during the celebration of International Women's Day.

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,

do hereby certify that this is a true and

correct copy of Senate Resolution 8628,

adopted by the Senate

March 8, 2017

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary of the Senate