

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8641

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Fraser, McAuliffe, Prentice, Eide, Jarrett, Kilmer, Berkey, Keiser, Kauffman, and Regala

WHEREAS, Women of every age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, economic status, occupation, and degree of ability or disability have made considerable contributions to the growth and development of our communities, states, country, and nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, Women have played a critical role in the social, cultural, and spiritual development of communities around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Women of all backgrounds have constituted significant portions of the labor force, whether working outside or inside the home, whether paid or as a volunteer, and have played a critical role in nurturing our children; and

WHEREAS, Women have served as leaders of progressive social movements to secure individual rights and freedoms, and continue to lead efforts to eliminate discrimination and violence against all people and to promote equality, security, and peace; and

WHEREAS, Women have been largely unrecognized and undervalued for their historical and contemporary scientific, governmental, athletic, literary, and artistic accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Women continue to experience day-to-day discrimination and continue to be victims of violence around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has 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 in 1910; and

WHEREAS, Our state continues to have one of the highest proportions of women legislators in the country, at 32% currently, and the highest in the United States from 1993 through 2004, with the highest at 40.8% in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Washington state is the first state in the nation to have two female United States Senators and female Governor at the same time, Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and Governor Christine Gregoire; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America, as a world leader, recognized the critical role of women in America by establishing March as National Women's History Month; and

WHEREAS, Since 1975, the United Nations has proclaimed March 8th to be International Women's Day;

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

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8641,  
adopted by the Senate  
March 3, 2009

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate