

## Senate Resolution 186

By: Senators Halpern of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, Hodges of the 3rd, Seay of the 34th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the work of the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women and recognizing  
2 February 23, 2023, as the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women Women in Blue Day  
3 at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, throughout history, despite hardship, exclusion, and discrimination, women  
5 have strived and sacrificed for equity and equality in communities across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, standing on the shoulders of the heroines who came before them, today's  
7 women and girls continue to carry forward the mission of ensuring our daughters have the  
8 same opportunities as our sons; and

9 WHEREAS, women and girls continue to lead groundbreaking civil rights movements for  
10 social justice and freedom so that everyone can realize the full promise of America; and

11 WHEREAS, despite the progress being made, women and girls—especially women and girls  
12 of color—still face systemic barriers to full participation and wider gaps in opportunity and  
13 equality; and

14 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated those disparities, which  
15 have disproportionately impacted women's labor force participation, multiplied the burden  
16 on paid and unpaid care givers, and increased rates of gender-based violence; and

17 WHEREAS, workers contend with gender and racial wage gaps that can amount to hundreds  
18 of thousands of dollars denied over the course of their lifetimes; and

19 WHEREAS, despite the progress made, the constitutional right to abortion established in *Roe*  
20 *v. Wade* is facing an unprecedented assault as states pass increasingly onerous restrictions  
21 on critical reproductive health care and bodily autonomy; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States Congress sent the Equal Rights Amendment to the states for  
23 ratification 50 years ago, and it is long past time that the principle of women's equality  
24 should be enshrined in our Constitution.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 commend the work of the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women and recognize February  
27 23, 2023, as the Georgia Federation of Democratic Women Women in Blue Day at the state  
28 capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as we reflect on the achievements of women and girls  
30 across the centuries and pay tribute to the pioneers who paved the way, let us recommit to  
31 the fight and help realize the deeply American vision of a more equal society wherein every  
32 person has a shot at pursuing the American dream; in doing so, we will advance economic  
33 growth, our health and safety, and the security of our nation and the world.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia  
36 Federation of Democratic Women.