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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 12, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2019 as "National Women's History
2 Month" and March 8, 2019, as "International Women's Day" in
3 Pennsylvania.

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

8 WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play a
9 critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of
10 life in the nation by constituting a significant portion of the
11 labor force, working inside and outside the home; and

12 WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the
13 establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural
14 institutions in the nation; and

15 WHEREAS, American women have been leaders, securing their own
16 rights of suffrage and equal opportunity; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their contributions to the abolitionist
2 movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor
3 movement, the civil rights movement and especially the peace
4 movement, American women have created a more fair and just
5 society for all; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women in
7 history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the
8 literature, teaching and study of American and world history;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, After the American Revolution, the notion of
11 education as a safeguard for democracy created opportunities for
12 women to gain a basic education only; and

13 WHEREAS, Pioneers of secondary education for young women
14 faced arguments from physicians and others that females were
15 incapable of intellectual development equal to that of men and
16 would be harmed by striving for it; and

17 WHEREAS, Women's commitment to educational equality
18 throughout academia has resulted in their involvement and
19 ascension in politics and government; and

20 WHEREAS, The National Women's History Project began with a
21 proclamation by President Jimmy Carter that declared the week of
22 March 8, 1980, as the first "National Women's History Week"; and

23 WHEREAS, This year, the theme for "National Women's History
24 Month," "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence,"
25 honors women who have led efforts to end war, violence and
26 injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change
27 society; and

28 WHEREAS, Against social conventions and legal constraints,
29 women have created a legacy that broadens the frontiers of
30 possibility for future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, Women have demonstrated their character, courage and
2 commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, relief
3 workers, CEOs and leaders in business, politics, religion and
4 their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Women's lives and work inspire girls and women to
6 achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to
7 respect the diversity and depth of women's experience; and

8 WHEREAS, The first "International Women's Day" was held in
9 1911; and

10 WHEREAS, "International Women's Day" is now celebrated
11 annually on March 8; and

12 WHEREAS, On "International Women's Day," thousands of events
13 are held throughout the world to inspire women and celebrate the
14 social, political and economic achievements of women while
15 focusing world attention on areas requiring further action; and

16 WHEREAS, This year, the theme of "International Women's Day"
17 is "#BalanceforBetter," which is a call to action for driving
18 gender balance across the world; and

19 WHEREAS, The vast array of communication channels, supportive
20 spokespeople, equality research, campaigns and corporate
21 responsibility initiatives means that everyone can be an
22 advocate inspiring change for women's advancement; and

23 WHEREAS, Thousands of events are occurring to mark the
24 economic, political and social achievements of women as
25 organizations, governments, charities, educational institutions,
26 women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, "National Women's History Month" and "International
29 Women's Day" observances are ideal venues for all Pennsylvanians
30 to reflect on women's struggle for equal educational rights and

1 their significant contributions to this Commonwealth and the
2 nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of March 2019 as "National
4 Women's History Month" and March 8, 2019, as "International
5 Women's Day" highlights the achievements of the women across
6 this Commonwealth and the nation who have created a more fair
7 and just society for all people; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 month of March 2019 as "National Women's History Month" and
10 March 8, 2019, as "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania
11 and invite the women, men and children of this Commonwealth to
12 explore the critical economic, cultural and social roles women
13 have played and continue to play in every sphere of life in this
14 Commonwealth and the nation.