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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2024, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator Sandra Cano

Date Introduced: March 07, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900s, at a  
2 time when women's oppression and inequality were spurring women to become more vocal,  
3 active, and demanding of change; and

4           WHEREAS, The first National Women's Day was observed in the United States on  
5 February 28, 1909, during which women protested and demanded shorter work hours, better pay,  
6 and voting rights; and

7           WHEREAS, In 1911, the first countries to honor International Women's Day were  
8 Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, with more than one million women and men  
9 attending International Women's Day rallies, demanding women's rights including the right to  
10 work, vote, and hold public office, and to put an end to discrimination in general; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed March 8<sup>th</sup> as  
12 International Women's Day throughout the world, a day that is celebrated in the United States and  
13 globally; and

14           WHEREAS, International Women's Day has grown exponentially, nationally and  
15 internationally, in both developed and developing countries alike; and

16           WHEREAS, The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is Inspire  
17 Inclusion. "When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better  
18 world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging,  
19 relevance, and empowerment"; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes March 8,  
2 2024, as "International Women's Day" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor of the  
5 State of Rhode Island.

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