LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-fifth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2020

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ESTABLISHING MARCH 14 AS IDAHO WOMEN'S DAY, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE INFLUENCE, IMPACT, AND IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN IDAHO'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, on March 14, 1891, Idaho's first State Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 103, "An Act Providing A Great Seal For the State of Idaho," thereby adopting for official use Ms. Emma Edwards Green's rendering of the Idaho State Seal, the only state seal ever designed by a woman; and

WHEREAS, the imagery of the Great Seal of the State of Idaho depicts a woman and a man as equal representatives of Idaho's unlimited potential. It suggests that women represent the ideals of justice and liberty and that they maintain equity in the state's bounties; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho State Legislature and Governor of the State of Idaho approved the design five years before the Idaho State Legislature passed legislation in 1896 granting women the right to vote, more than twenty years before the 1920 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, August 18, 2020, marks the centennial passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, granting women the right to vote throughout the United States of America. The centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment is a proper time to honor and recognize women leaders of our past and present who, through their skill, conviction, empathy, and determination, have had significant positive impacts on Idahoans, personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, it is in the State of Idaho's interest to foster women leaders of the future and advance their leadership in business and politics; and

WHEREAS, celebration of the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment will help encourage women to exercise their right to vote and understand the history of the struggle to secure women's suffrage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring therein, that we establish March 14 as Idaho Women's Day, to acknowledge the influence, impact, and importance of women in Idaho's past, present, and future.