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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the Indiana  
2 Fever and recognizing the 37th annual National Girls and  
3 Women in Sports Day.

4           *Whereas, The Indiana Fever was established in 2000 after*  
5 *the state was granted an expansion franchise to coincide with*  
6 *the opening of Conseco Fieldhouse;*

7           *Whereas, The Indiana Fever was created with a mission to*  
8 *promote the development and well being of youth and families*  
9 *within the community through Fever Cares, with a particular*  
10 *focus on education, service, and health, as well as a core*  
11 *purpose of winning championships and serving the community;*

12           *Whereas, In the twenty-one seasons following its*  
13 *establishment, the Indiana Fever has successfully qualified for*  
14 *the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) playoffs*  
15 *thirteen times, played in the finals in 2009 and 2012, and won*  
16 *the WNBA championship title against the Minnesota Lynx in*  
17 *2012;*

18           *Whereas, While preparing for and playing in up to 36*  
19 *games annually, players and staff members of the Indiana*  
20 *Fever organize and participate in over 60 different initiatives,*  
21 *including Inspiring Women Night, Choices for Champions,*  
22 *Fever for Respect, Read to Achieve, Reading Time-Outs, Read*  
23 *to Achieve Tip Off, Indianapolis Public Schools Values for Life*  
24 *Celebration, Making the Grade and Courtside, and WNBA Fit,*  
25 *among other events that showcase inspirational women in the*  
26 *community, foster the value of reading and literacy, stimulate*



1 *a love of learning and community service, and promote*  
2 *wellness and fitness as a way of life in the local youth;*

3 *Whereas, In 2021, the Indiana Fever partnered with*  
4 *Elevance Health to launch the Athlete to Advocate program*  
5 *with a goal of raising awareness for food insecurity, mental*  
6 *health and health disparities, women's empowerment and*  
7 *health, and strengthening communities;*

8 *Whereas, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began*  
9 *in 1987 as a day to remember Flo Hyman, an Olympic*  
10 *volleyball player who had significant achievements as an*  
11 *athlete and worked tirelessly for equality before passing away*  
12 *from Marfan Syndrome while competing in a volleyball*  
13 *tournament in Japan;*

14 *Whereas, Since the holiday's founding, the National Girls*  
15 *and Women in Sports Day has evolved to unite premier*  
16 *organizations and elite women athletes in bringing national*  
17 *attention to the promise of girls and women in sports, highlight*  
18 *their accomplishments, and to acknowledge the positive*  
19 *influence of sports participation and the continuing struggle for*  
20 *equality for women in sports;*

21 *Whereas, February 1, 2023, is dedicated as the 37th*  
22 *National Girls and Women in Sports Day, starting off a month*  
23 *of focus on breaking down the gender stereotypes in the*  
24 *sporting industry and addressing the challenges regarding*  
25 *equal participation of women and girls in sports activities at all*  
26 *age levels; and*

27 *Whereas, The Indiana Fever demonstrates a spirit of work*  
28 *ethic, dedication, and endurance through activities in support*  
29 *of its mission and core purpose, and provides inspiration to*  
30 *Hoosier girls and women who desire to achieve athletic*  
31 *success: Therefore,*

32 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
33 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
34 *concurring:*



1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the  
2 Indiana Fever and recognizes February 1, 2023, as the 37th  
3 annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

4           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
5 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Indiana Fever head  
6 coach Christie Sides; assistant coaches Karima  
7 Christmas-Kelly, Jessie Miller, and Jhared Simpson; each  
8 player on the Indiana Fever roster; and the Indiana Fever front  
9 office.

