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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

**S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N**

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 8, 2021, AS "INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator Sandra Cano

Date Introduced: March 09, 2021

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 causing 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, where women protested and demanded shorter hours, better pay, and voting  
6 rights; and

7           WHEREAS, The first countries to honor International Women's Day in 1911 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, to hold public office, and 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 developed and developing countries alike; and

16           WHEREAS, The United Nations declared the 2021 theme for the International Women's  
17 Day to be #ChooseToChallenge, inspiring all to choose to challenge and call out gender bias and  
18 inequality, and to also choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements in order to help  
19 create an inclusive world; and

1           WHEREAS, In a world where gender parity and equality remain elusive, the world will  
2 continue to see sweeping and revolutionary movements like #TimesUp and the #MeToo  
3 Movements; and

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes March 8,  
5 2021, as "International Women's Day" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

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