

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 110092)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and Congratulating women and girls throughout the world on the 100th celebration of International Women’s Day.

WHEREAS, In 1910, International Women’s Day was established at the First International Women’s Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark through a resolution by German social advocate Clara Zetkin; and

WHEREAS, The first International Women’s Day was celebrated in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland, and has now spread to 67 countries spanning 6 continents; and

WHEREAS, Women have made substantial accomplishments in social, political and economic life since the first International Women’s day through their impassioned advocacy, hard work and commitment to the ideals of equality, respect and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, The 100th International Women’s Day will be celebrated on March 8th of this year with particular attention to the theme “Equal Access to Education, Training, Science and Technology: Pathways to Decent Work for Women”; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, the United States Congress incorporated the history of International Women’s Day into its proclamation establishing March as Women’s History Month; and

WHEREAS, Oxfam, an international relief and development organization that creates lasting solutions to poverty, hunger, and injustice, has brought together a diverse group of American women as *Sisters on the Planet* for raising awareness about climate change, hunger, and other crises facing women in poor countries; and

WHEREAS, The Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership at the Drexel University College of Medicine will commemorate the centennial of International Women’s Day with an exhibit at the National Constitution Center entitled “From the Absence of Many to the Presence of All – The Unfinished Business of Women’s Equality”; and

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WHEREAS, Women's Campaign International and its founder and chairwoman Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky will mark International Women's Day by promoting advocacy training for women at the Fels School of Government at the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has established itself as a center for intellectual, social and cultural life through the countless efforts of women like Marion Anderson, Margaret Mead, Betsy Ross, Sonia Sanchez, C. Delores Tucker and Madame C.J. Walker; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby recognize and congratulate women and girls throughout the world on the 100th celebration of International Women's Day.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to International Women's Day representatives as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the seventeenth of February, 2011.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Sanchez, Green, Rizzo, Kenney, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Goode, Greenlee, Jones, Clarke, Miller, DiCicco, Tasco and O'Neill