

Legislation Text

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Recognizing and supporting women and girls throughout the world on the occasion of International Women's Day on Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

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, International Women's Day will be celebrated on March 8th of this year with particular attention to the theme "Pledge for Parity"; and

WHEREAS, Pledge for Parity calls for concrete steps to help achieve gender parity more quickly whether to help women and girls achieve their ambitions, call for gender-balanced leadership, respect and value difference, develop more inclusive and flexible cultures or root out workplace bias; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future; 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, Americans across the country will celebrate the centennial anniversary with dozens of events, honoring the incalculable achievements of women; 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 Council does hereby recognize and congratulate women and girls throughout the world on the occasion of International Women's Day.