

1           A RESOLUTION proclaiming March 19, 2018, as Celebrating Women in Public  
2 Office Day.

3           WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month and celebrates the significant  
4 contributions women of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds have made to the world;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, women play a critical role in the vitality and diversity of our  
7 communities, and are essential to ensuring Kentucky is well-represented; and

8           WHEREAS, recognizing women in public office will bring awareness to the  
9 fundamental necessity of their work and will inspire other young people to serve their  
10 communities; and

11           WHEREAS, in 1967, the late Senator Georgia Davis Powers was the first African  
12 American and first woman to be elected to the Kentucky Senate. Senator Georgia Davis  
13 Powers served in the General Assembly for 21 years; and

14           WHEREAS, in 1999, this body welcomed Senator Katie Kratz Stine, who had  
15 previously served in the House of Representatives since 1995. Senator Stine became the  
16 first woman to be elected President Pro Tem in 2005 and served in that capacity until her  
17 retirement from the Senate in 2014; and

18           WHEREAS, it is important to honor the women who are current members of the  
19 Senate. Senator Julie Raque Adams has represented the 36th District since 2015, having  
20 previously been a member of the House of Representatives since 2011. Senator Denise  
21 Harper Angel has represented the 35th District since 2005. Senator Alice Forgy Kerr has  
22 represented the 12th District since 1999. Senator Robin L. Webb has represented the 18th  
23 District since 2010, having been a member of the House of Representatives since 1999;  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, it is important on this day to honor the women who are current  
26 statewide officers in the Commonwealth. Lieutenant Governor Jenean Hampton assumed  
27 office in 2016 and is the first African American to hold any statewide office in Kentucky.

1 State Treasurer Allison Ball assumed office in 2016 and is the youngest statewide female  
2 elected official in the country. Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes assumed  
3 office in 2012 and is the youngest secretary of state in the country; and

4 WHEREAS, the Senate is proud of the Kentucky women who have served with  
5 distinction in this honorable body and those who are serving in statewide capacities;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby proclaim March 19, 2018, as  
10 Celebrating Women in Public Office Day.

11 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate call upon the people of Kentucky to unite  
12 in support of the successes of women in public office and to observe every March 19 with  
13 appropriate activities, events, and programs.