

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Saturday, March 8, 2025, as International Women's
2 Day.

3 WHEREAS, in March 1977, the General Assembly of the United Nations declared
4 March 8 as International Women's Day; and

5 WHEREAS, for more than four decades, International Women's Day has served as
6 a day of celebration for the profound accomplishments of women across the world; and

7 WHEREAS, International Women's Day also affirms that the more than three
8 billion women around the world have fundamental rights, participate in the political,
9 social, and economic lives of their communities, play a critical role in providing and
10 caring for their families, and contribute substantially to the economic growth of their
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2025 campaign theme for International Women's Day is
13 "Accelerate Action," which emphasizes the importance of taking swift and decisive steps
14 to achieve gender equality and calls for increased momentum and urgency in addressing
15 the systematic barriers and biases that women face; and

16 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that all citizens in this Commonwealth acknowledge
17 the profound place women have in the overall vitality of Kentucky's economy, its culture,
18 and the education of its youth; and

19 WHEREAS, women have proven time and time again that they are leaders, and
20 they continue to exhibit excellence in their various leadership roles across the world,
21 including in this Commonwealth; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1921, this Commonwealth elected Mary Elliott Flanery to the
23 Kentucky General Assembly. Not only did she become the first woman ever elected to
24 the Kentucky House of Representatives, she also became the first woman elected to any
25 state legislature south of the Mason-Dixon line; and

26 WHEREAS, women around the world remain vastly underrepresented in
27 government positions, and 2024 data showed that women account for only 25.6 percent

1 of national parliamentarians and 21 percent of government ministers; and

2 WHEREAS, the ability of women and girls to realize their full potential is critical
3 to the ability of a country to achieve strong and lasting economic growth, self-reliance,
4 and political and social stability; and

5 WHEREAS, this honorable body rightfully applauds the women of this
6 Commonwealth, and duly thanks them for all they do to ensure Kentucky's success; and

7 WHEREAS, this body also commends those women whose past efforts paved the
8 way for those who now benefit from their sacrifice, their courage, and their vision,
9 including women in this chamber;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
12 *Kentucky:*

13 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
14 hereby recognize Saturday, March 8, 2025, as International Women's Day.

15 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate recognize that the empowerment of
16 women is deeply linked to the potential of this Commonwealth to generate economic
17 growth and true inclusivity for all.

18 ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of
19 International Women's Day.

20 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this Resolution to
21 Senator Cassie Chambers Armstrong.