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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 8, 2026, as
"International Women's Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is an annual celebration
of women's cultural, educational, economic, political, and
social accomplishments, and recognizes the achievements of
women, regardless of their cultural, economic, ethnic,
linguistic, national, or political divisions, and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1909, the first national Women's
Day was observed in the United States, and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 1945, the Charter of the United
Nations was signed, marking the first affirmation of equality
between women and men by international agreement, and

WHEREAS, the United Nations celebrated International
Women's Day for the first time on March 8, 1975, and 2 years
later, declared a day for international peace and women's rights
by resolution in the United Nations General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, every year, approximately 12 million girls
worldwide are married before they reach the age of 18, and

WHEREAS, according to the International Labour
Organization, 71 percent of the estimated 40 million victims of
modern slavery in 2016 were women and girls, and

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WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, an estimated one out of three women around the world has experienced some form of physical or sexual violence, and

WHEREAS, currently, approximately 41 percent of the members of the Florida Legislature are women, including 51 representatives and 16 senators, and

WHEREAS, in continuing the tradition of honoring Florida women, Governor Ron DeSantis selected May Mann Jennings, Graci McGillicuddy, and Penny Thompson as the 2023 inductees to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame for making significant contributions in the life of women and residents of Florida, and

WHEREAS, approximately 73.8 percent of women are active in the workforce, with the most popular occupations for women being tied to the medical field, education, and childcare, as well as managerial roles, and

WHEREAS, the theme of International Women's Day 2026 is "Give to Gain," NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That March 8, 2026, is designated as "International Women's Day" in Florida to celebrate the day by honoring the achievements and accomplishments of women.