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

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

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

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

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

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

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