

HR 8063

2022

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing March 8, 2022, as
3 "International Women's Day" in Florida.

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, according to the International Labor Organization,
22 71 percent of the estimated 40.3 million victims of modern
23 slavery in 2016 were women and girls, and

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

27 WHEREAS, women also occupy statewide leadership positions
 28 including Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and
 29 Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and

30 WHEREAS, currently, 34 percent of the members of the
 31 Florida Legislature are women, including 40 Representatives and
 32 15 Senators, and

33 WHEREAS, in 2021, continuing the tradition of honoring
 34 Florida women, Virginia M. Hernandez Covington, Barbara
 35 Nicklaus, and Beverly White Yeager were added to the Florida
 36 Women's Hall of Fame for making significant contributions in the
 37 life of women and residents of Florida, and

38 WHEREAS, women, and particularly women of color, who are
 39 more likely to work in businesses deemed to be "essential" and
 40 in the hardest-hit industries, have been disproportionately
 41 affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and

42 WHEREAS, women comprise more than two-thirds of the health
 43 care workforce in the United States, as well as 78 percent of
 44 the social workers, 53 percent of essential retail workers, and
 45 34 percent of delivery and warehouse employees, putting women in
 46 the frontlines of the pandemic, and

47 WHEREAS, the theme of International Women's Day 2022 is
 48 "Break the Bias," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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53 That March 8, 2022, is recognized as "International Women's
54 Day" in Florida and residents of the state are encouraged to
55 celebrate the day by honoring the achievements and
56 accomplishments of women.