
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MARCH 19 AS HAWAII CELEBRATING WOMEN IN PUBLIC
OFFICE DAY.

1 WHEREAS, the month of March is Women's History Month which
2 celebrates the significant contributions made by women of all
3 races, ethnicities, and backgrounds to the world; and
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5 WHEREAS, while the twentieth century marked a pivotal time
6 of growth for women entering politics, a 2017 study by the
7 Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University
8 shows that women hold less than twenty percent of seats in the
9 115th U.S. Congress, twenty-four percent of elective executive
10 offices, and twenty-five percent of seats in state legislatures
11 in the United States; and
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13 WHEREAS, women continue to be underrepresented in male-
14 dominated fields; thus, providing opportunities to support women
15 in public office is imperative; and
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17 WHEREAS, women are critical to the vitality and diversity
18 of our communities and in ensuring Hawaii is well represented;
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21 WHEREAS, Hawaii is ranked as one of the best states in
22 terms of women's representation in elected offices at the state
23 and national level; and
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25 WHEREAS, the recent surge and success of women candidates
26 running for public office in New Jersey and Virginia have
27 sparked a movement of women running for office; and
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29 WHEREAS, recognizing women in public office will bring
30 awareness to the value of their work and will inspire other
31 young people to serve their communities; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes
4 March 19 as Hawaii Celebrating Women in Public Office Day and
5 calls upon the people of Hawaii to support the success of women
6 in public office and observe every March 19 with appropriate
7 activities, events, and programs; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Hawaii's
11 congressional delegation, and Chair of Hawaii State Commission
12 on the Status of Women.

