

By: Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Clarke,  
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To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 71

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING  
2 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH AND DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH  
3 2022 AS THE PERIOD OF OBSERVATION AND CELEBRATION THROUGHOUT THE  
4 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi joins the global community  
6 in acknowledging the importance of women and the significantly  
7 profound contributions and advancement womankind has made to  
8 society, by standing in solidarity to observe International  
9 Women's Day on March 8, 2022, and International Women's Month  
10 throughout the month of March; and

11 WHEREAS, it has been stated by United Nations Educational,  
12 Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) that "International  
13 Women's Day is an occasion to celebrate the progress made towards  
14 achieving gender equality and women's empowerment but also to  
15 critically reflect on those accomplishments and strive for a  
16 greater momentum towards gender equality worldwide. It is a day to  
17 recognize the extraordinary acts of women and to stand together,  
18 as a united force, to advance gender equality around the world";  
19 and



20 WHEREAS, birthed out of a movement of the Socialist Party of  
21 America, which dedicated a day in February to honor the 1908  
22 women's garment workers strike in New York in protest against  
23 harsh labor conditions, the conceptualized observations of  
24 International Women's Day first emerged in 1909; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1945, the Charter of the United Nations became  
26 the first international agreement to affirm the principle of  
27 equality between men and women, and 30 years subsequent thereto,  
28 the United Nations celebrated its first official International  
29 Women's Day during International Women's Year in 1975; and

30 WHEREAS, International Women's month, also known as Women's  
31 History month, began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa,  
32 California, through grassroots galvanization of the Education Task  
33 Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women,  
34 which planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in  
35 1978, by selecting the week of March 8th to correspond with  
36 International Women's Day; and

37 WHEREAS, gaining momentum, the movement spread across the  
38 country as many communities implemented acknowledging celebration,  
39 and in 1980, many women's groups and historians led by the  
40 National Women's History Project now known as the National Women's  
41 History Alliance, successfully lobbied for recognition, which  
42 resulted in President Jimmy Carter's issuance of the first  
43 Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as  
44 National Women's History week; and



45 WHEREAS, in 1987, seven years after the first official  
46 acknowledgement by a national official, Congress passed Public Law  
47 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month"; and

48 WHEREAS, in keeping the spirit of excellence from which this  
49 international observance has blossomed, the National Women's  
50 History Alliance selects an annual theme to highlight the  
51 significance of the cause, and this year's theme, "Women Providing  
52 Healing, Promoting Hope," is a tribute to all caregivers and front  
53 line workers as the pandemic continues, as well as in general, for  
54 all women who have provided healing and hope in numerous ways  
55 throughout history; and

56 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to lend its  
57 unwavering support to the remarkable women who have and continue  
58 to make great strides toward advancing the mission of gender  
59 equality and women's empowerment around the world:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
61 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING  
62 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and acknowledge International  
63 Women's Month and designate the month of March 2022 as the period  
64 of observation and celebration throughout the State of  
65 Mississippi.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
67 furnished to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of  
68 State, Attorney General and to the members of the Capitol Press  
69 Corps.

