

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 11-0267R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Holton, Henry, President Young, Councilmembers Middleton,  
D'Adamo, Curran, Kraft, Cole, Spector, Branch, Clarke, Stokes, Conaway, Welch, Reisinger  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**1 Equal Access to Education, Training, and Science and Technology: Pathway to Decent**  
**2 Work For Women – A Baltimore City Celebration of International Women’s Day 2011**

3 FOR the purpose of joining the global celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8,  
4 2011, to acknowledge the economic, political, and social achievements of women past,  
5 present, and future on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worldwide solemnization of the spiritual  
6 and pragmatic attributes of women.

**7 Recitals**

8 The first International Women’s Day events were run in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and  
9 Switzerland in 1911, and were attended by over one million people. One hundred years later,  
10 International Women’s Day (IWD) has become a global mainstream phenomena celebrated  
11 across many countries and is an official holiday in approximately 25 countries, including  
12 Afghanistan, Russia, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Zambia.

13 March 8 will be an occasion for global women’s activity. There will be a mass march across  
14 London’s Millennium Bridge for charity. A major international business women’s conference  
15 will be hosted in Sydney, Australia. Schools and governments around the world are participating  
16 in the day; trade unions and charities are campaigning, and global corporations are hosting  
17 conferences and distributing extensive resource material.

18 Although IWD activities and recognition had not been on the increase, recent social  
19 networking websites and internet communication have given the celebration new life. The  
20 founder of the IWD website said: “ A decade ago IWD was disappearing. Activity in Europe,  
21 where International Women’s Day actually began, was very low. Providing a global online  
22 platform helped sustain and accelerate momentum for this important day....2011 will see  
23 thousands of events globally for the first time.”

24 As 2011 is the Centenary Year of celebrating International Women’s Day, activities are  
25 expected to reach an all-time high. There are 384 events planned in the United Kingdom; 218 in  
26 Canada; 181 in Australia; 48 in Costa Rica; and 192 events in the United States, to name just a  
27 few of the countries hosting celebrations.

28 We, in Baltimore City, join in the global celebration of women, as well as in the celebration  
29 of those women closer to our hearts and homes.

30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this  
31 Body joins in the global celebration of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2011, to

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
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1 acknowledge the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present, and  
2 future on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worldwide solemnization of the spiritual and pragmatic  
3 attributes of women.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
5 Chair and Members of the Baltimore City Commission for Women, and the Mayor's Legislative  
6 Liaison to the City Council.