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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL        R  
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Holton

### A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning  
**Equal Access to Education, Training, and Science and Technology: Pathway to Decent Work For Women - A Baltimore City Celebration of International Women's Day 2011**

FOR the purpose of joining the global celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2011, to acknowledge the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present, and future on the 100th anniversary of the worldwide solemnization of the spiritual and pragmatic attributes of women.

#### Recitals

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this Body joins in the global celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2011, to acknowledge the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present, and future on the 100th anniversary of the worldwide solemnization of the spiritual and pragmatic attributes of women.

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

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