

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ENCOURAGING IDAHOANS TO DEVOTE MARCH
2 1, 2018, THROUGH MARCH 2, 2020, AS A PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR THE CEN-
3 TENNIAL OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT AND TO PLAN COMMEMORATION
4 ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HONOR AND RECOGNIZE WOMEN LEADERS OF THE PAST AND
5 PRESENT, FOSTER WOMEN LEADERS OF THE FUTURE, ADVANCE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP
6 IN BUSINESS AND POLITICS, AND ENCOURAGE WOMEN TO VOTE.
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8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, in 1896, Idaho became the fourth state in the nation to give
10 women the right to vote; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1898, Idahoans elected Permeal French as the first woman Su-
12 perintendent of Public Instruction; and Mary Wright, Harriet Noble and Clara
13 Campbell to the Idaho House of Representatives, where they made significant
14 impacts in the areas of education, literacy and social justice; and

15 WHEREAS, August 18, 2020, marks the centennial passage of the 19th
16 Amendment, granting women the right to vote throughout the United States of
17 America; and

18 WHEREAS, the period before national suffrage witnessed some of Idaho's
19 most significant historical events that still impact the lives of Idahoans
20 today; and

21 WHEREAS, it is proper, at the time of the 100th anniversary of the pas-
22 sage of the 19th Amendment, to enshrine the right of women to vote; and

23 WHEREAS, the centennial of the 19th Amendment is a proper time to honor
24 and recognize women leaders of our past and present who, through their skill,
25 conviction, empathy and determination, have had significant, positive im-
26 pacts on Idahoans, personally and professionally; and

27 WHEREAS, it is in the State of Idaho's interest to foster women leaders
28 of the future and advance their leadership in business and politics; and

29 WHEREAS, celebration of the centennial of the 19th Amendment will help
30 encourage women to exercise their right to vote; and

31 WHEREAS, Idahoans today are proud of their storied history and demon-
32 strate their continued spirit and perseverance in creating Idaho's and the
33 nation's future.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
35 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of Rep-
36 resentatives concurring therein, that we encourage Idahoans to devote March
37 1, 2018, through March 2, 2020, as a period of preparation for the centennial
38 of the passage of the 19th Amendment and to plan commemoration activities
39 that will honor and recognize women leaders of the past and present, foster
40 women leaders of the future, advance women's leadership in business and pol-
41 itics, and encourage women to vote.