

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this Concurrent Resolution is to establish March 14 as a day of recognition, to be celebrated in perpetuity, for Idaho Women. This concurrent resolution seeks to recognize and celebrate all the contributions that Idaho women have made and will continue to make in Idaho and across the country.

March 14th is a significant date for the history of women in Idaho. On this date in 1891, the Idaho Legislature and Governor Norman B. Willey approved, for official use, Ms. Emma Edwards Green's rendering of the Idaho State Seal, the only woman-designed state seal in the country. The symbolism of Ms. Emma Edwards Green's design placed women on equal footing with men and as an integral component to the successful development of the newly christened state.

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. This milestone is singular in comparison to the great strides that the women of Idaho have made and it is fitting to establish a day of recognition for Idaho women as part of this anniversary year of national suffrage.

March 14th shall be designated as Idaho Women's Day. If March 14th falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday, March 13th, shall be Idaho Women's Day; and if March 14th falls on a Sunday, the following Monday, March 15th shall be Idaho Women's Day.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no request for additional General Fund monies to support this commemorative effort. The intent is to acknowledge the impact, influence, and importance of Idaho Women from the past, present, and future. Idaho Women's Day shall not constitute a reason to close state and political subdivision offices.

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