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P. S. Res No. 324

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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF
MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE CELEBRATION OF
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2020

1 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around
2 the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without
3 regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or
4 political¹;

5 WHEREAS, International Women's Day first emerged from the activities of
6 labor movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across
7 Europe²;

8 WHEREAS, in 1975 during the International Women's Year, the United
9 Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March³;

10 WHEREAS, the theme for International Women's Day (8 March) 2020 is, I am
11 Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights⁴;

12 WHEREAS, The theme is aligned with UN Women's new multigenerational
13 campaign, Generation Equality, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing
14 Declaration and Platform for Action⁵;

¹ United Nations Website, International Women's Day, <http://www.un.org/en/events/vomensday/history.shtml>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ United Nations Women Website, International Women's Day 2020 theme— "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights", <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2019/12/announcer-international-womens-day-2020-theme>

15 WHEREAS, International Women's Day is an occasion to celebrate the
16 progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment but
17 also to critically reflect on those accomplishments and strive for a greater
18 momentum towards gender equality worldwide. It is a day to recognize the
19 extraordinary acts of women and to stand together, as a united force, to advance
20 gender equality around the world⁶;

21 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines joins the global community in the
22 observance of the International Women's Day 2020 as it reflects on the significant
23 role of women in nation building;

24 BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to express its sense in joining
25 the community of member states of the United Nations in celebrating the
26 International Women's Day 2020.

27 Adopted,


MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator

⁵ United Nations Women Website, International Women's Day 2020 theme— "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights", <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2019/12/announcer-international-womens-day-2020-theme>

⁶ UNESCO Website, International Women's Day, <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/womenday>