HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6014

A RESOLUTION recognizing March 8, 2019, as International Women's Day.

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is an annual celebration of women's cultural, educational, economic, political, and social accomplishments. International Women's Day recognizes women's achievements regardless of cultural, economic, ethnic, linguistic, national, or political divisions; and

WHEREAS, The campaign theme of International Women's Day 2019 is: "#BalanceforBetter." This theme emphasizes the message "better the balance, better the world"; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 1909, the first National Women's Day was observed in the United States. Two years later, on March 19, 1911, the first International Women's Day was observed by more than one million women and men in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, Following the outbreak of World War I, International Women's Day became a means to protest and demonstrate solidarity. On March 8, 1917, women in Russia went on strike for "Bread and Peace." They acquired the right to vote from the provisional government four days later; and

WHEREAS, On June 26, 1945, the Charter of the United Nations was signed, marking the first affirmation of equality between women and men by international agreement; and

WHEREAS, On March 8, 1975, the United Nations celebrated International Women's Day for the first time. Two years later, International Women's Day was declared a day for international peace and women's rights by resolution in the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Currently, 28% of the members of the Kansas Legislature are women, including 31 representatives and 14 senators; and

WHEREAS, Equality between women and men is a societal ideal: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize March 8, 2019, as International Women's Day.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*