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& Rep. Bennett & Rep. Hudson & Rep. M. Smith  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 25

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE DAY IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the month of March is Women's History Month and celebrates the significant contributions women  
2 of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds have made to the world; and

3 WHEREAS, women play a critical role in the vitality and diversity of our communities, and are essential to  
4 ensuring Delaware is well represented; and

5 WHEREAS, while the twentieth century was a pivotal time of growth for women entering politics, women remain  
6 underrepresented in male-dominated fields thus providing opportunities to support women in public office is imperative;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, recognizing women in public office will bring awareness to the fundamental necessity of their work  
9 and will inspire other young people to serve their communities; and

10 WHEREAS, we want to take this opportunity to recognize Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester and Lt.  
11 Governor Bethany Hall Long; our women legislators by district, Representatives Stephanie T. Bolden (2<sup>nd</sup>), Helene M.  
12 Keeley (Speaker Pro Tempore, 3<sup>rd</sup>), Melanie George Smith (5<sup>th</sup>), Debra J. Heffernan (6<sup>th</sup>), Deborah D. Hudson (Minority  
13 Whip, 12<sup>th</sup>), Valerie J. Longhurst (Majority Leader, 15<sup>th</sup>), Kimberly A. Williams (19<sup>th</sup>), Andria Bennett (32<sup>nd</sup>), Ruth  
14 Briggs King (37<sup>th</sup>), Senators Margaret Rose Henry (Majority Leader, 2<sup>nd</sup>), Catherine L. Cloutier (5<sup>th</sup>), Stephanie L. Hansen  
15 (10<sup>th</sup>), and Nicole Poore (Majority Whip, 12<sup>th</sup>).

16 NOW, THEREFORE:

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 149th General Assembly of the State of Delaware that  
18 we hereby proclaim March 19<sup>th</sup> to be Delaware Celebrating Women in Public Office Day and call upon the people of  
19 Delaware to unite as we support the success of women in public office and observe every March 19<sup>th</sup> with appropriate  
20 activities, events, and programs.

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution recognizes March 19th as Celebrating Women in Public Office Day in Delaware.