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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 2017**

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day first emerged from the activities of labor movements at the turn of the twentieth century in North America and across Europe<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, in 1975 during the International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the International Women's Day 2017 Theme: "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030"<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the idea of this theme is to consider how to accelerate the 2030 Agenda, building momentum for the effective implementation of the new Sustainable Development Goals<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the theme will also focus on new commitments under UN Women's Step It Up initiative, and other existing commitments on gender equality, women's empowerment and women's human rights<sup>6</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> United Nations Website, International Women's Day, 8 March, <http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/history.shtml>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations Website, International Women's Day, 8 March, <http://www.un.org/en/events/womensday/index.shtml>

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

**WHEREAS**, the world of work is changing, and with significant implications for women. On one hand, we have globalization, technological and digital revolution and the opportunities they bring, and on the other hand, the growing informality of labor, unstable livelihoods and incomes, new fiscal and trade policies and environmental impacts—all of which must be addressed in the context of women’s economic empowerment<sup>7</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, this nation supports the observance of the International Women’s Day 2017 as it reflects on the significant role of women in nation building;

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to express its sense in joining the community of member states of the United Nations in celebrating the International Women’s Day 2017.

Adopted,



**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**

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<sup>7</sup> United Nations Women Website, International Women’s Day 2017, <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/international-womens-day>