

SENATE RESOLUTION 45

(By Senators Boley, Rucker, and Chapman)

[Introduced April 2, 2025]

1 Designating April 3, 2025, as Women and Girls' Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, The West Virginia Women's Commission promotes the status and
3 empowerment of all West Virginia women through advocacy, research, education, and consensus
4 building; and

5 Whereas, The West Virginia Women's Commission strives to elevate the power and
6 potential of West Virginia women and girls to thrive and have economic, political, educational, and
7 social equality to ensure their full participation in society and to recognize their achievements; and

8 Whereas, In their roles as individuals, workers, military personnel, mothers, daughters,
9 sisters, wives, friends, caretakers, activists, and volunteers, women make significant contributions
10 to West Virginia's economy, families, communities, and general well-being; and

11 Whereas, The West Virginia Women's Commission has continued its history of honoring
12 women across the state through programs such as celebrating the Legacy of Women Awards,
13 educating women and legislators during their annual Women and Girls' Day at the Legislature.
14 The annual policy statements highlight legislation of the importance to women and families, raising
15 awareness on Equal Pay Day of how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned
16 in the previous year, and celebrating a woman's right to vote on Women's Equality Day; and

17 Whereas, The West Virginia Women's Commission recognizes the need to educate the
18 next generation in civic literacy in honoring them at the West Virginia Legislature on April 3, 2025,
19 giving rise to the Women and Girls of 2025 to Be Empowered. This day teaches advocacy and
20 encourages involvement in the legislative process; and

1 Whereas, West Virginia citizens are proud of the accomplishments and achievements of
2 women of every race, age, class, identity, ability, and ethnic background in our state, both in the
3 private and public sectors. Many appreciate their contributions to our communities as they
4 continue to advance in leadership roles, not only in West Virginia but throughout our nation and the
5 world; therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate:*

7 That the Senate hereby designates April 3, 2025, as Women's and Girls' Day at the
8 Legislature; and, be it

9 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate expresses its sincere appreciation to all women for
10 the many contributions they make to the State of West Virginia and in all facets of our society;
11 and, be it

12 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
13 the West Virginia Women's Commission.