

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1361

A resolution recognizing and encouraging the participation of women at all levels of government.

WHEREAS, as of 2018, 106 women hold seats in the United States Congress, comprising 19.8% of the 535 members; 22 women serve in the United States Senate, and 84 women serve in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, as of 2017, women made of 25.3% of all state legislators nationwide, with Tennessee having only 15.9% female legislators, a marked improvement; and

WHEREAS, these figures are a marked improvement over previous years, however, this is still a need for more women to run for elected office; and

WHEREAS, August is also the 98th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote has strengthened generations of women and empowered them to stand up, speak out, and steer the nation; and

WHEREAS, the recent surge of women running for elected office is a step in the right direction and more women are encouraged to be engaged and involved in the democratic process, as engaged voters, involved constituents, and as elected or appointed officials; and

WHEREAS, the full participation of women and the protection of their rights as citizens are essential for freedom and democracy to flourish; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council wishes to recognize those women who work in government, run for elected office, and participate in the governing process and encourage all women to get involved in government at all levels.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as supporting and encouraging the participation of women in government.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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