

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the 1st International Day of Women and Girls in Science on February 11, 2016

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those organizations within our midst which have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, A great state is only as great as those organizations that perform exemplary service in promoting women's issues and Women and Girls in Science; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to celebrate the 1st International Day of Women and Girls in Science on Thursday, February 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The International Day of Women and Girls in Science was created to honor the aspirations of girls who want to pursue careers in science and their adult female counterparts who make contributions in all fields of science; and

WHEREAS, Women who are scientists have for too long not received recognition for their achievements; and

WHEREAS, Girls need to see women role models in order to find the encouragement to enter into courses of study which will enable them to become scientists; girls aspiring to become professionals in the scientific arena are in special need of encouragement, nurturing, and a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, The Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT), under the leadership of its Executive Director, Princess Dr. Nisreen el-Hashemite, has for over 45 years promoted gender equality, the concept of "equal pay for equal work" in the scientific fields, and the importance of girls to dream of careers in any field, but especially in the sciences and in the teaching of science; and

WHEREAS, The Royal Academy of Science International Trust laid the groundwork for the permanent mission of Malta to the United Nations (UN) to lead consultations which resulted in the General Assembly of the UN establishing February 11th as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science; and

WHEREAS, The commemoration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science has received over four million pledges of support by girls and women worldwide; the celebration of this auspicious day is expected to grow exponentially in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize that the International Day for Women and Girls in Science is an event worthy of our highest respect and esteem; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Her Royal Highness Princess Dr. Nisreen el-Hashemite, Executive Director, the Royal Academy of Science International Trust.