RESOLUTION 2008
National Girls & Women in Sports Day

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women, Girl Scouts of the USA, Girls Incorporated, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, the National Women's Law Center, and the Women's Sports Foundation join together to celebrate the 24th Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day in Washington, D.C. and communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, this day exists to acknowledge the past and recognize current sports achievements, the positive influence of sports participation, and the continuing struggle for equality and access for women in sports; and

WHEREAS, National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in 1987 as a day to remember Olympic volleyball player, Flo Hyman, for her athletic achievements and her commitment to assure equality for women's sports; and

WHEREAS, the history of girls and women in sports is rich and long, yet there has been little national recognition of the significance of girls and women's athletic achievements; and

WHEREAS, girls' and women's athletics, at all levels, is one of the most effective avenues available through which girls and women in the United States may develop self-discipline, initiative, confidence, and leadership skills regardless of background; and

WHEREAS, the bonds built between girls and women through athletics help to break down the social barriers of racism and prejudice, and the communication and cooperation skills learned play a key role in the athlete's contributions at home, at work and to society; and

WHEREAS, a need for increased opportunities exists for girls to participate in and pursue physical activity at the community and scholastic level to increase their health and well-being on a daily basis so that they are able to develop lifelong fitness habits at an early age; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "All In"
NOW, THEREFORE, I, (Dignitary(ies) Name(s)), (Government Title) do hereby proclaim

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AS
NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY
in the United States of America, and call upon the citizens of the nation to recognize the important role athletics play in the development of young women throughout the country.

Given, under my hand at the Great Seal of this nation, (date)

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(Title)