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Día internacional de la mujer

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La mujer ha sido un símbolo desde hace épocas, es la madre, amiga, hija, hermana, etc. Es un lazo entre generaciones y por lo mismo es una joya a la que hay que respetar. Y no debe de ser sobajada en ningún aspecto.

Esto se dio a conocer un día 16 de Diciembre de 1977, cuando la Asamblea General de la ONU por medio del secretario General con el emblema "Fin a la discriminación con motivos de genero, cuando quiera y donde quiera que esta ocurra." Invitó a todos los Estados a que proclamaran, de acuerdo con sus tradiciones históricas y costumbres nacionales, un día del año como Día de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos de la Mujer y la Paz Internacional.

Que sería conmemorado cada 8 de Marzo durante cada año tomando en cuenta que toda la humanidad iba a contribuir al desarrollo de la sociedad y al adelanto de la civilización.

Desde entonces se ha celebrado esta importante fecha que ha marcado una gran diferencia en el trato de toda mujer. Las mujeres son un orgullo y un obsequio de la naturaleza, son seres especiales, fuertes y a la vez sensibles que demuestran su ternura cuando tienen que amar y su rabia cuando tienen que defender a los que aman.

Ellas ríen cuando quieren cantar, cantan cuando quieren

llorar, lloran cuando están felices y ríen cuando están nerviosas. Luchan por lo que quieren. No toman un "no" por respuesta cuando creen que hay una mejor solución.

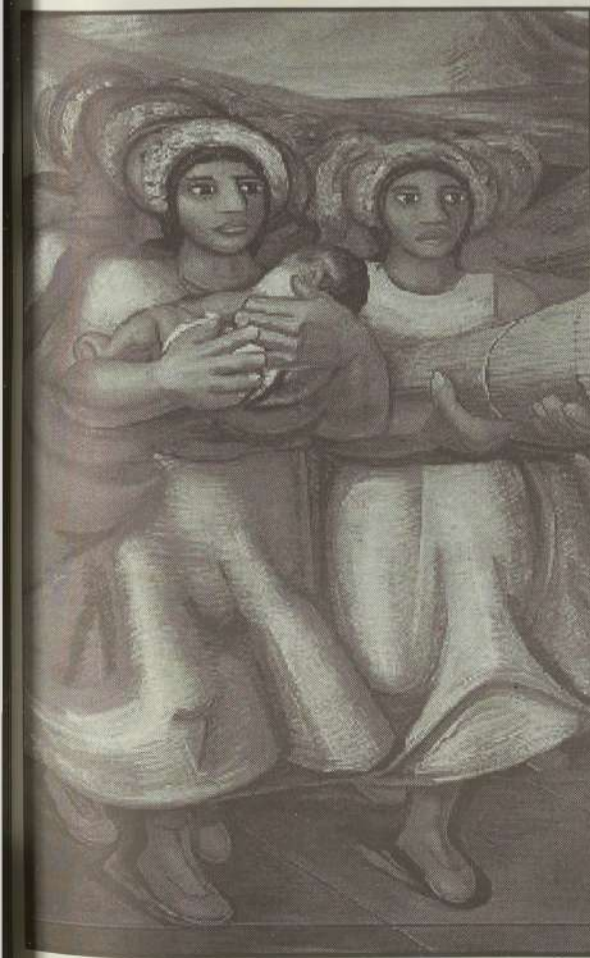
Andan sin zapatos nuevos para que sus hijos los puedan tener. Van al medico con una amiga asustada. Aman incondicionalmente. Lloran cuando sus niños sobresalen y animan a sus amigos a que lo hagan. Son felices cuando se enteran de un nacimiento o un nuevo matrimonio, y se les rompe el corazón cuando muere un amigo.

Sufren con la pérdida de un miembro de la familia, aunque son fuertes cuando creen haber perdido la fuerza. Saben que un beso y un abrazo pueden curar un corazón herido. Las mujeres vienen de todos los tamaños, colores y formas.

Ellas pueden manejar, volar, caminar, correr, escribir, o podrían hacer lo que sea por la persona a la que aman y así demostrarle cuanto les importa. ¡El corazón de una mujer es lo que hace al mundo girar!

Las mujeres hacen más que sólo dar a luz. Traen alegría y esperanza. Ellas brindan compasión e ideales.

Dan apoyo moral a sus familiares y amigos. Las mujeres tienen mucho que decir y mucho que dar. Y si se trata de actuar, ellas lo aran, así tengan que sufrir, ellas lucharán, así tengan que llorar, lo aceptarán, con tal de brindarle a sus hijos lo mejor de ellas y criar hombres buenos para la sociedad.



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Women band together

Females everywhere will come together and celebrate to commemorate Portland International Women's Day, March 6

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Portland International Women's Day will bring together women from all walks of life to celebrate and honor the struggles that women have faced over the years.

Although the entire month of March is Women's History Month, the event will take place on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at PSU's Smith Student Union Ballroom and will feature a lineup of female entertainers. There will also be a variety of women-owned or operated businesses present, as well as organizations that focus on women.

The day will include educational workshops designed by women for women, a poetry slam, and a women's health fair. There will also be poetry, writing and art exhibits.

This will be the 30th annual PIWD though the history of National Women's Day goes back to its inception more than 80 years ago.

The holiday began in 1908, when the U.S. Socialist Party first appointed a Women's National Committee to Campaign for the Suffrage.

At that point it was recommended that the Socialist Party dedicate one day every year to campaign for women's right to vote. On March 8, 1908 a mass meeting was held on women's rights.

The next year it was decided that the last Sunday in February would be designated National Women's Day.

In May of 1910, after two years of mass meetings and marches, the National Congress of the Socialist Party and the Women's National Commission recommended that the day be expanded to an international holiday.

That August the proposal was unanimously passed in the General International Socialist Congress and International Women's Day was born.

However a specific day had never been set and until 1917 IWD was being celebrated on different days throughout the world.

Then in Russia, in 1917, there was a huge march in which thousands of women left homes and factories to protest food shortages, high prices, the world war and the suffering they were enduring. That protest created the last push of a revolution and within a week the Czar stepped down.

After that, in honor of

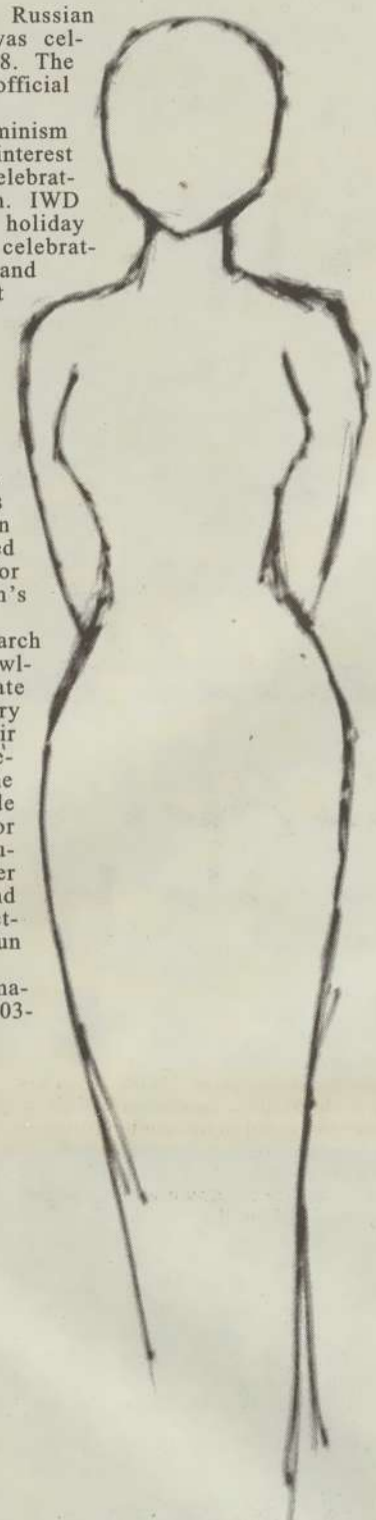
the women in the Russian Revolution, IWD was celebrated on March 8. The date finally became official in 1921.

In the 1960s feminism brought a renewed interest to the holiday that celebrated working women. IWD was a ready-made holiday for honoring and celebrating women's lives and through the feminist movement it was revived throughout the world.

The National Women's History Project proposed the idea of a National Women's History Week in 1981. It was such a success that in 1987 it was expanded to all of March for National Women's History Month.

This year, on March 6, PIWD will acknowledge and celebrate the diverse history of women and their struggle for freedom and respect. The event will provide the opportunity for women and community to come together to share interests and talents in a respectful, inclusive and fun environment.

For more information on PIWD, call 503-972-0630.



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