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# In recognition of International Women's Day

**Joint Statement from Members of the Milwaukee Common Council: Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, and Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic**

Today we celebrate International Women's Day, observed annually on March 8, to recognize the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women both locally and around the world.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Break the Bias." Whether it be intentional or unconscious, it is still far too common in our society for women to face biases that prevent true equality. As the Common Council featuring the most women in Milwaukee's history, we have strived for greater representation of women in government, and we remain dedicated to creating a truly equal environment for women in our community.

During today's holiday, we would encourage residents to reflect on ways in which biases may exist in your own life, and what you can do to remedy them. There are also countless other ways to celebrate women such as visiting a woman-owned business or simply expressing appreciation to a woman or women in your life.

While equality for women has come a long way since the Women's Rights Movement in the early 1900s, there are still many ways in which we can collectively improve. We must remain dedicated not just today, but every day, to uplifting women in our community.