



"We must carry forward the work of the women who came before us and ensure our daughters have no limits on their dreams, no obstacle to their achievements and no remaining ceilings to shatter."

-Former President, Barack Obama

For more than 100 years, the world has been celebrating International Women's Day on March 8th by recognizing the amazing achievements of women throughout history.

What makes these accomplishments even more astounding are the difficult and inequitable conditions under which women have achieved so much. It's not enough to recognize the excellence that women have achieved in Engineering, Mathematics, Science, Economics, Sports, Arts and Politics, because to do so is missing the point of this day of recognition.

Today, we celebrate the accomplishments of women because despite the gross inequality that persists in the world, despite the laws that would prevent women from participating in the democratic development of nations, despite the misguided political agendas that would deny women equal access to education, the law, politics and healthcare, despite the persistent prejudice and sexism that would deny women from fully participating in life itself, despite all these challenges (and perhaps because of them) women have not only persisted, they have excelled in all professions and forever changed the world for the better.

It is for this reason that we recognize the achievements of women each year on, March 8th. Today, we thank women for their inspirational attitudes, for their dedication to the development of the world and despite the inherent challenges in doing so.

On March 8th we thank women all over the world for their persistence in this struggle to correct the wrongful attitudes of the past and for continuing the fight for positive change. Truly, theirs is not merely a struggle for women's rights--it is a historic fight in which women around the world have endeavored to help all humans to change, grow, and prosper for the betterment of all.

Sincerely,
Troy Fillman
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