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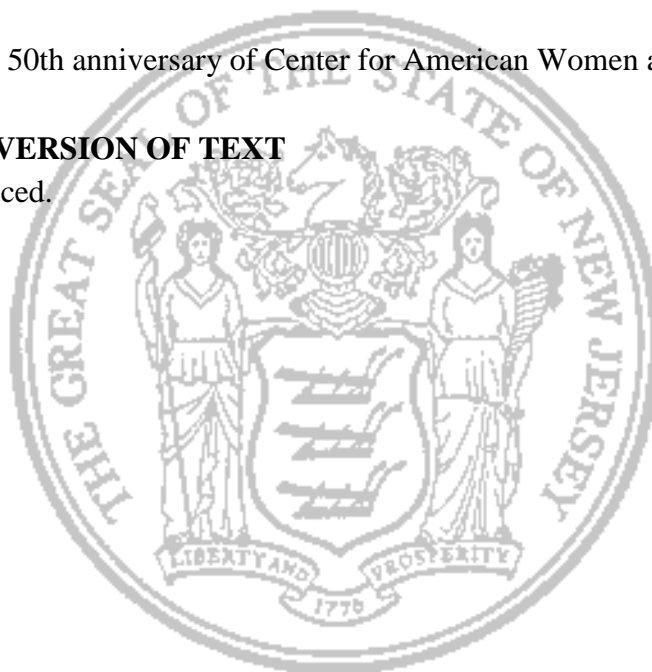
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SYNOPSIS

Celebrates 50th anniversary of Center for American Women and Politics.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2022)

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** celebrating the 50th anniversary of the
2 Center for American Women and Politics.
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4 **WHEREAS**, Women have been involved in American politics since the
5 birth of the nation; and
6 **WHEREAS**, Women have been historically underrepresented in
7 positions of elective public office; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Increasing representation of women holding elective
9 public office will provide for a more representative democracy; and
10 **WHEREAS**, The Center for American Women and Politics was
11 founded in July 1971 by Dr. Ruth B. Mandel and Ida F.S.
12 Schmertz; and
13 **WHEREAS**, The center is housed in the Eagleton Institute of Politics at
14 Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey; and
15 **WHEREAS**, The center is a non-partisan institution that seeks to create
16 awareness and understanding of women's political participation in
17 American politics, and to educate women about public leadership,
18 training them in political and leadership skills; and
19 **WHEREAS**, The center convened the first national Forum for Women
20 State Legislators in 1983 in order to explore policy issues, the
21 future of women in legislative leadership, and the concerns of
22 women who hold elective public office; and
23 **WHEREAS**, The center established a National Information Bank on
24 Women in Public Office to serve as a clearinghouse for information
25 about women in public office; and
26 **WHEREAS**, The center conducted the first national census survey of
27 women serving in federal, state, and local offices, generating the
28 first accurate numbers of women officeholders in American
29 politics; and
30 **WHEREAS**, The center is a nationally and internationally recognized
31 source of scholarly research and current data about women in
32 politics in the United States; and
33 **WHEREAS**, The center seeks to promote greater knowledge and
34 understanding about the role of women in American politics,
35 enhance women's influence in public life, and expand the diversity
36 of women in politics and government; and
37 **WHEREAS**, The center offers many opportunities for education and
38 outreach through a variety of programs such as the Ready to Run,
39 New Leadership, and Teach a Girl to Lead programs; and
40 **WHEREAS**, The center has prepared thousands of women for increased
41 political engagement since the center was founded and continues to
42 champion greater opportunity, visibility, and representation for
43 women in politics; now, therefore
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45 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
46 *Jersey:*

1 1. The General Assembly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the
2 Center for American Women and Politics and the significant work
3 the center has done in research, education, and training, and
4 increasing the political engagement of women in politics.

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6 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of the
7 State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to
8 the Director of the Center for American Women and Politics.

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11 STATEMENT
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13 This resolution celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Center for
14 American Women and Politics. The center was founded by Dr.
15 Ruth B. Mandel and Ida F.S. Schmertz in July 1971. Though
16 women have been involved in American politics since colonial
17 times, women have not always been able to hold elective public
18 office and have been historically underrepresented in public offices.
19 When the center was founded in 1971, women held three percent of
20 all seats in Congress and today hold 27 percent of seats; however,
21 still far below 50 percent while making up more than half of the
22 American population.

23 The center is established within the Eagleton Institute of Politics
24 at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. The center is a non-
25 partisan institution and has many programs aimed at research,
26 education, and public engagement in order to increase
27 representation of women in American politics.

28 The center is internationally recognized as a source of scholarly
29 research and current data about women in politics in the United
30 States. The center has sought to enhance women's influence in
31 public life, and expand the diversity of women in politics and
32 government. In order to further this goal, the center offers many
33 opportunities for education and outreach such as the Ready to Run,
34 New Leadership, and Teach a Girl to Lead programs.