

SENATE RESOLUTION

8602

By Senators Kuderer, Das, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Lias, Wellman, Wilson, C., Carlyle, Fortunato, Keiser, Lovelett, and Salomon

1 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud is a community-led, economic development
2 organization founded in Seattle, Washington working to generate one
3 billion dollars in new economic access for women-led technology
4 entrepreneurs across the globe by 2030; and

5 WHEREAS, Women in Cloud continues to successfully create more
6 opportunities for women entrepreneurs through innovative partnerships
7 with tech companies, community leaders, and law making institutions;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The technology sector has proven invaluable during the
10 COVID-19 pandemic, giving many employers the ability to continue
11 operations with employees working from their homes while the public
12 health crisis continues; and

13 WHEREAS, A recent survey of women tech entrepreneurs reported an
14 expected average loss of up to five million dollars per company in
15 economic opportunity over the next three years due to the COVID-19
16 pandemic; and

17 WHEREAS, Small business owners will need economic relief to
18 ensure their survival; and

19 WHEREAS, As economic relief efforts for small businesses continue
20 during and after the pandemic, it is important for such relief
21 efforts to be carried out in an equitable manner; and

1 WHEREAS, The Women in Cloud organization will play a vital
2 role in the economic recovery period working to ensure women-
3 owned enterprises continue to survive and thrive postpandemic;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Women in Cloud Accelerator Program provides
6 resources, consultation, networking connections, and global
7 platforms for women-led companies; and

8 WHEREAS, The Women in Cloud Annual Conference has seen
9 tremendous growth in popularity in just three years with its
10 inaugural conference hosting 450 participants, to an expected
11 global attendance of more than 2,000 for this year's conference;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Through the creation of new partnerships in regions
14 beyond the Pacific Northwest, Women in Cloud has expanded their
15 accelerator program to eight other countries around the world;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature encourages other
18 legislatures across the nation and governing bodies in other
19 countries to partner with Women in Cloud to ensure women-led
20 technology firms have equitable access to economic opportunity
21 for generations to come;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State
23 Senate recognize the value of this initiative to inspire,
24 empower, and accelerate the growth of women-led technology
25 companies and promote the efforts of women entrepreneurs and
26 leaders; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
28 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
29 Women in Cloud Digital Summit 2021, to be held virtually on
30 January 28 through 30, 2021.

31 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,
32 do hereby certify that this is a true and
33 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8602,
34 adopted by the Senate
35 January 15, 2021

1 BRAD HENDRICKSON
2 Secretary of the Senate