

## House Resolution No. 3080

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous milestone in the history of one of the Show-Me State's finest organizations; and

**Whereas**, an historic agreement between the National Women Business Owners Corporation (NWBOC) and the State of Missouri will be signed Wednesday, May 21, 2003, in the Thomas Hart Benton Room of the Missouri State Capitol; and

**Whereas**, the agreement will allow the State to accept NWBOC's "Women Business Enterprise" (WBE) Certification of women business owners in Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Missouri is the first state to sign an agreement with a private entity to provide WBE certification, in addition to the State's own certification; and

**Whereas**, the agreement will give women business owners an additional choice in certification and will help the State to conserve internal resources that would otherwise be spent on reviews, a growing complaint among women business owners who have discovered they must get certified separately with each entity they want to do business with; and

**Whereas**, in addition to the State of Missouri, NWBOC's certification is also accepted at more than 100 major corporations; and

**Whereas**, those in attendance for the historical signing will include the Honorable Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives; Jackie White, Missouri State Commissioner of Administration; Janet Harris-Lange, National President of the NWBOC; Joyce Murphy, Deputy Commissioner; Nancy Zurbuchen, Executive Director and co-founder of the Kansas City Council of Women Business Owners; Becky Wilson, co-founder of the Kansas City Council of Women Business Owners; and representatives from the Kansas City and St. Louis chapters of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO):

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in applauding the members and leaders of the National Women Business Owners Corporation as they proudly celebrate this momentous milestone in the rich history of their fine organization; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the National Women Business Owners Corporation.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway  
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3080, adopted May 21, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker