



RESOLUTION NO.485

The Senate of Pakistan:-

While Acknowledging "women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world," as theme of 8th March the International Woman's Day, pays homage to the political, economic, social and cultural achievements of Pakistani women and girls, who are contributing their best in all walks of life;

Realizes that through everyone is facing unprecedented challenges, women and girl are bearing the brunt of the economic and social fallout of COVID-19 including but not limited to mental stress, increased domestic violence, socio-economic adverse impacts, less job opportunities, restricted mobility and lesser pays. Across every sphere, from health to the economy, security to social protection, the impacts of the pandemic are exacerbated for women and girl;

Recognizes the role of woman as frontline warriors in the battle against COVID-19 in their capacity as political leaders, health sector workers, scientists, doctors and most notably caregivers;

Acknowledges that the pandemic demonstrated the importance of women's leadership in promoting and ensuring that the perspectives of the women and girl in all of their diversity, are reflected in pandemic preparedness and response, as well as in the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes in all spheres and all stages of pandemic response and recovery;

Comprehends that any pandemic is not only a challenge for global health system, but also a test of our human spirit; recovery must lead to more equal world that is more resilient to future crises;

Building upon the new normal, **Resolves** to protect constitutional rights of women and safeguard women's right to decision -making in all areas of life, place women and girls-their inclusion, representation, rights, social and economic - at the center of national legislation and policies; for not just rectifying long-standing inequalities but building a more just and equal world and ushering into 2021 in a better normal for women and girls;

Acknowledges Pakistani women in all roles and all round the world making us proud and contributing towards empowered and inclusive world and **supports** what said by our every own Malala Yousafzai,

" I raise up my voice - not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can heard we cannot all succeed when half of us are held back."

Moved by Senators Seemee Ezdi and Samina Saeed.

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