

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8656

By Senators Eide, Schoesler, White, and Fraser

WHEREAS, The Red Hat Society was founded in 1998 by Sue Ellen Cooper of Fullerton, California, who was inspired by "Warning," a poem by Jenny Joseph that opens with the line, "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me"; and

WHEREAS, The Red Hat Society was created as a social outlet for women at least 50 years old; and

WHEREAS, The motto of The Red Hat Society is "Red Hatters Matter," to promote the value of older women in society and reshape the way they are viewed in today's culture; and

WHEREAS, Women of The Red Hat Society are from all areas of life: Mothers, grandmothers, homemakers, entrepreneurs, teachers, retirees, and senators, as well as women who are single, married, or widowed; and

WHEREAS, There are more than one million members of The Red Hat Society worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Senate recognizes the value provided by the social support given by the organization; and

WHEREAS, The Senate also recognizes that men need the same support and social interaction or perhaps even more than the fairer sex; and

WHEREAS, The legislature strives in its activities to be inclusive of all individuals from all walks of life, including men;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That in celebrating the womanhood of our State Senators, we also celebrate the maturity and graceful aging of our male colleagues 50 years and older through admission into our society of blossoming through shared suffering; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That admission into this exclusive society is reserved to a basis of temporary trial pending good behavior and high spirits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That male members of the society must wear both cowboy hats and red ties as a symbol of their commitment to solidarity and support of their colleagues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate shall celebrate Red Hat - or Tie - Day and that its members celebrate by having fun; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Washington State Senate and to the Federal Way, Shades of Ruby, chapter of the Red Hat Society.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8656,  
adopted by the Senate  
April 14, 2011

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate