

unique challenges girls face around the world; and

Whereas, The term “girl child” is commonly used to distinguish those under age 18 from other young women; and

Whereas, The first International Day of the Girl Child focused on child marriage by highlighting that every year, 10 million girls under the age of 18 become child brides, many of whom are under the age of 16, which increases their risk of being abused and having an early or unwanted pregnancy; and

Whereas, Studies show that education can delay and even prevent child marriage and increase girls’ chance of success; and

Whereas, Worldwide, girls face more barriers to education and often complete less schooling than male counterparts; and

Whereas, According to the National Women’s Law Center, one in four girls in America does not finish high school, and the dropout rate is even higher for girls of color; and

Whereas, The Day of the Girl Child highlights the worldwide injustices confronted by girls, including in the United States; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes October 11 as the “Day of the Girl Child in New York City”.

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