

# ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates June 23 of each year as “International Widows’ Day.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 widowed in their lifetime. Many widows are far younger than one  
2 may guess, as the median age of a widow is 59, according to the  
3 United States Census Bureau.

4 Widows are often unsupported by our country's social services,  
5 programs, and policies. Many widows face challenges even years  
6 after the loss of a loved one, including financial and legal  
7 difficulties, mental and physical health issues, and the loss of health  
8 insurance. It is important to draw attention to the experiences and  
9 realities of widows, including the need for increased bereavement  
10 leave, changes to Social Security regulations regarding widows, and  
11 the plight of widows in other countries.