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By Council Members Boyland, Avella, Barron, Clarke, Comrie, Felder, Fidler, Gennaro, Liu, Lopez, Nelson, Quinn, Sanders, Seabrook, Sears, Stewart, Vann, Weprin and Jackson

Whereas, The Girl Scouts of America, Girls Incorporated, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, the Women's Sports Foundation and the YWCA of the U.S.A. joined together to organize the 17th Annual National Girls and Women In Sports Day, to be held on Feb. 5, 2003; and
Whereas, This day exists to celebrate the current and past sports achievements of girls and women, acknowledge the positive influence of sports participation in the lives of girls and women, and recognize the continuing struggle of girls and women for equality and access in sports; and
Whereas, The history of girls and women in sports is rich and long, yet there has been little national recognition of the significance of their athletic achievements; and
Whereas, Girls and women athletics, at all levels, is one of the most effective avenues available through which girls and women may develop self-esteem, self-discipline, initiative, confidence and leadership skills regardless of background; and
Whereas, Research studies commissioned by the Women's Sports Foundation concluded that girls involved in sports not only benefit from better health, but are also less likely to engage in risky health behaviors such as smoking, drinking, or using drugs; and
Whereas, The bonds built between girls and women through athletics help break down social barriers, such as racism and prejudice, and the communication and cooperation skills girls and women learn through athletics can play a key role in enhancing their contributions at home, school, and work and to society; and
Whereas, The theme of this year's National Girls and Women in Sports Day is "Succeed in Sports, Lead in Life"; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York recognizes February 5, 2003 as National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

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