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Every year on August 9th, South Africa celebrates Women's Day. This holiday commemorates a pivotal day in South African history when women battled for their liberation.

Women's Day in South Africa marks an important historical event. On this day sixty-six years ago, 20,000 women marched to the Union Buildings to oppose the extension of Pass Laws. During Apartheid, several regulations were enacted to restrict the movement of women.

The ladies who took part in this march delivered petitions at the prime minister's door before standing silently for 30 minutes. They then sung a protest song called Wathint'Abafazi Wathint'imbokodo! — now you've hit the ladies, you've hit a rock!

This day honours strong women who fought for rights, freedom, and equality despite risks. It raises awareness about the issues women face in modern society and commemorates their fortitude.