

# **2022 Addendum**

**To the Resolutions  
attached to the  
CALL to Convention**

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## CFWC Resolutions to be Considered at 2022 Convention

### ENVIRONMENT

**1989-01 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** (Convention 1989, Amended/Reaffirmed 1994, Reviewed 1999, Amended 2004, Amended 2009, Reviewed 2014, Returned to Committee 2021)

Whereas, Hazardous waste recycling plants and chemical companies experimenting with dangerous chemicals and toxic materials have not assessed the dangers to the public health, safety and general welfare; and Whereas, Hazardous waste recycling plants and chemical experimental plants cannot be evaluated before construction and operation as to the acceptable level of risk to the public; and Whereas, The inversion that extends for considerable periods over cities suppresses the dissipation of pollutants and thereby aggravates the dangers to the public; and Whereas, Liability insurance carried by operators/owners of these recycling facilities and by cities has been difficult to assess or obtain; and Whereas, Transport of hazardous waste and toxic materials to these recycling facilities could cause great risk and dangers to the public in view of the rapid population growth and heavily congested traffic routes; and Whereas, The State of California has required that all counties establish a hazardous waste disposal plan; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES ITS CLUB WOMEN TO USE THEIR COUNTY'S HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING CENTERS; and further RESOLVED, THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CLUB WOMEN, IF BECOMING AWARE OF ANY LAPSE IN ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AT THESE HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING CENTERS, ARE URGED TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS TO THEIR COUNTY AND CITY OFFICIALS. **Recommendation: Retire as obsolete**

### **2022-01 REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE (NEW)**

Whereas, single use plastics are made of petrochemicals and do not degrade, but only breakdown into microparticles that threaten the food supply; and Whereas they are generating waste that is overwhelming landfills and poisoning water sources and oceans; and Whereas they are causing an environmental hazard; and Whereas remedies for lessening plastic waste are to Reduce or Refuse their use, or Reuse or Repurpose existing plastic consumables, or commit to efficient Recycling; and therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION PROMOTING REDUCING, REUSING, RECYCLING OR REFUSING CONSUMABLES; and further RESOLVED, THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS CLUB WOMEN EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THIS PRACTICE. **Recommendation: Approve**

### **2022-02 HAZARDOUS WASTE (NEW)**

Whereas, several Federal Acts dictate the handling of hazardous waste from "cradle to grave"; and Whereas, both large and small quantity generators are encouraged by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to eliminate the formation of hazardous wastes from their production processes; and Whereas, the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control provides oversight on all hazardous waste handling in the State of California; and therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION RESTRICTING THE FORMATION OF, AND DISPOSING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE. **Recommendation: Approve**

### **2022-03 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (NEW)**

Whereas, hazardous materials are needed for construction, industrial applications and residential use; and Whereas, strict guidelines are placed on how hazardous materials are packaged, handled, and shipped as regulated by the United States Department of Transportation and the California Department of Transportation; and Whereas, for the protection of the public, signs warning of the use of hazardous substances in a facility per California Proposition 65; and therefore, RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION REDUCING OR ELIMINATING THE USE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND FURTHER RESOLVED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON REDUCING, REPLACING, OR ELIMINATING THE USE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE. **Recommendation: Approve**

### **1989-02 STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DEPLETION (Convention 1989, Reaffirmed 1993, Reviewed 1998, Amended 2003, Amended 2009, Reaffirmed 2014, Returned to Committee 2021)**

Whereas, Some of the measured damage to the ozone layer has been caused by chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) emissions released as long ago as the 1970s; and Whereas, Even if CFC production were halted today, ozone depletion would continue far into the future due to previous CFC releases; and 25 Whereas, The development of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) has contributed to reducing the amount of CFC reaching the stratosphere; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS THE USE OF AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CFC REFRIGERANTS; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS THE CONTINUED BAN OF CFCs AS SPRAY PROPELLANTS AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF CFCs IN THE MANUFACTURE OF POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS; and further RESOLVED, THAT EMISSION CONTROLS CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED ON ALL INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS USING CHLORINATED SOLVENTS. **Recommendation: Retire and Replace with 2022-04**

### **2022-04 STOP OZONE DEPLETION (NEW)**

Whereas, the amended Clean Air Act in 1990 included protecting the ozone layer; and Whereas, the enforcement actions under the Clean Air Act have limited the use of ozone depleting chemicals to allow the ozone to heal and potentially recover by 2065; and Whereas, the US Environmental Protection Agency continues to take a regulatory approach to protecting the ozone, approving alternatives to ozone-depleting substances, and evaluating new chemicals; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT THE United States ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S EFFORTS AT CLEAN AIR ACT ENFORCEMENT; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON WHY OUR OZONE IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR HEALTH AND WELFARE. **Recommendation: Approve**

### **2022-05 DEMAND CLEAN DRINKING WATER FOR ALL (NEW)**

Whereas, drinking water is a necessity for all life on earth; and Whereas, due to human activities many water resources have become contaminated; and Whereas, more water treatment, water recycling, water desalination, and water injection projects need to be initiated, and existing infrastructure need to

be updated and maintained; and Whereas, legislation must be in place to ensure compliance with governmental laws and regulations such as utilizing licensed individuals to manage water handling to ensure the water is not contaminated in the process, which may damage water conveyance infrastructure; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON JUDICIOUS USE OF DRINKING WATER, AND DETERMINING HOW TO INCREASE THE USE OF GREY WATER (WATER USED FOR WASHING CLOTHES, AND SHOWERS) AS AN EFFECTIVE WATER SUPPLY FOR LANDSCAPING.

**Recommendation: Approve**

#### **2022-06 ELIMINATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (NEW)**

Whereas, greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and fluorinated gases; and Whereas, these gases are referred to as high global warming potential gases and climate change forcers; and Whereas, these gases remain in the atmosphere and strongly absorb energy creating a warming blanket that doesn't allow the Earth to cool; and Whereas, these gases and other highly volatile organic compounds contribute to ozone depletion; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO MINIMIZE THEIR CARBON FOOTPRINT SUCH AS REDUCING WASTE AND DEPENDENCE ON FOSSIL FUELS AND TAKING PERSONAL ACTION TO ELIMINATE GREENHOUSE GASES.

**Recommendation: Approve**

#### **2022-07 PROTECTION OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY (NEW)**

Whereas, vapor from toxic substances can intrude a building from the underlying contaminated soil and/or groundwater to pollute indoor air concentrations; and Whereas, a neighboring environmental polluter can impact a building constructed without an impermeable volatile organic compound and/or methane vapor barrier; and Whereas, other sources of indoor air pollutions includes, but not limited to, fuel burning appliances, tobacco products, deteriorating building materials, central heating and cooling systems, excess moisture; and Whereas, indoor air quality is disproportionately impacting children, elderly, low-income, minorities, and indigenous people; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO MINIMIZE THE FACTORS THAT DEGRADE INDOOR AIR QUALITY. **Recommendation: Approve**

#### **2022-08 THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT (HR 2307) (NEW)**

Whereas, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") issued a special report in October 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5oC or more between 2030 and 2050 if carbon emissions are allowed to increase at the current rate; and Whereas, according to the IPCC report, we have only 12 (now 8) years left to make massive and unprecedented changes to global energy infrastructure to limit global warming to moderate levels; and Whereas, the United States

government released its Fourth Annual Climate Assessment in November 2018 reporting that the impacts of climate change are already being felt in communities across the country, and that more frequent and intense extreme weather and climate-related events, as well as changes in average climate conditions, are expected to continue to damage infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems that provide essential benefits to communities; and Whereas, the state of California is already experiencing severe impacts from record-breaking wildfires, coastal sea-level rise, severe, prolonged drought, and longer and more frequent heat-waves; and Whereas, conservative estimates by the world's climate scientists state that, to achieve climate stabilization and avoid cataclysmic climate change, emissions of greenhouse gasses ("GHGs") must be brought to 80-95% below 1990 levels by 2050; and Whereas, presently the environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but rather these externalized costs are borne directly and indirectly by all Americans; and Whereas, to begin to correct this market failure, Congress can enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act to assess a national carbon fee on fossil fuels based on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> the fuel will emit when burned and allocate the collected proceeds to all U.S. households in equal per-capita shares in the form of a monthly dividend; and Whereas, as stated in the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, a national, revenue-neutral carbon fee starting at a relatively low rate of \$15 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions and resulting in equal charges per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions potential in each type of fuel or greenhouse gas should be assessed to begin to lower what are now dangerously high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The yearly increase in carbon fees including other greenhouse gasses, shall be at least \$10 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent each year, with the provision that the annual increase will be \$15 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent if statutory goals are not met; and WHEREAS, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act specifies that, in order to protect low and middle income citizens from the economic impact of rising prices due to the carbon fee, equal monthly per-person dividend payments shall be made to all American households (one-half payment per child under 19 years old) each month from the fossil fuel fees collected. The total value of all monthly dividend payments shall represent 100% of the net carbon fees collected per month; and Whereas, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act encourages market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future generations; and Whereas, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act will, after 12 years, lead to a decrease in America's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 40%, and an increase in national employment of 2.1 million jobs in 10 years; and Whereas, border adjustments (carbon content-based levies on products imported from countries without comparable carbon pricing, and refunds to our exporters of carbon fees paid) can maintain the competitiveness of U.S. businesses in global markets; and Whereas, for efficient administration, the fossil fuels fee can be applied once, as far upstream in the economy as practical, or at the port of entry into the United States; and Whereas, a national carbon fee can be implemented quickly and efficiently, and will respond to the urgency of the climate crisis because the federal government already has in place mechanisms, such as the Internal Revenue Service, needed to implement and enforce the fee, and already collects fees from fossil fuel producers and importers; and Whereas, a national revenue-neutral carbon fee would make the United States a leader in mitigating climate change and in the clean energy technologies of the 21st century and would provide incentive to other countries to enact similar carbon fees, reducing global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions without the need for complex international agreements; and Whereas, the California Federation of Women's Clubs has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to addressing environmental issues; and Whereas, the international organization, General Federation of Women's Clubs has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to addressing environmental issues; Therefore, GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs hereby urges the United States Congress to enact without delay the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 2307), and that this Resolution, shall be sent to the President of the United States and

the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each U.S. Senator and Representative from the State of California in the Congress of the United States, and to the General Federation of Women's Clubs urging each state to pass similar resolutions. **Recommendation: Approve**

## **EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES**

### **2022-09 LIFELONG LEARNING FOR HEALTHY BRAIN FUNCTION (NEW)**

Whereas, the General Federation of Women's Clubs formerly had a Community Service Program entitled "Education and Lifelong Learning" which encouraged members to continue to learn throughout their life, and the General Federation of Women's Clubs continues to encourage lifelong learning in the current "Education and Libraries" Community Service Program; and Whereas a 2013 study by Robert Wilson concluded that "more frequent cognitive activity across the life span has an association with slower late-life cognitive decline" confirming an important benefit of lifelong learning; and Whereas California established public colleges to be places of vocational and general education for adults which include the University of California system, the California State University system, and the Community College system; and Whereas most California public colleges offer some free classes and lectures to the public for their self-improvement in addition to fee-based classes; and Whereas taking any kind of class or other educational activity offers members the opportunity to improve themselves and the lives of others. When this knowledge is utilized in volunteerism and/or the improvement of the organization, it is beneficial to both the individual member and their community; Therefore RESOLVED, GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES WHICH CONTINUE THEIR LIFELONG LEARNING AND IMPROVE THEMSELVES INCLUDING CLASSES OR ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL EDUCATE, INSPIRE, AND FURTHER THEIR INTERESTS WHILE HELPING MEMBERS MAINTAIN HEALTHY BRAIN FUNCTION. **Recommendation: Approve**

### **2022-10 FENTANYL AWARENESS (NEW)**

Whereas, there is a surge of overdose deaths throughout California with a prevailing theme that the epidemic is driven by illicit fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, methamphetamine, and cocaine or a combination in many forms; and Whereas, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 80 to 100 times stronger than morphine and has accounted for more than one-third of the overdose deaths in California in the past year; and Whereas, the problem is rampant among the homeless population and it is affecting the youth in our communities as it is laced into party drugs which make them deadly; and Whereas, people buying drugs online or via social media are unaware that they too can be fakes with dangerous drugs infused into them; Therefore, RESOLVED THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS INITIATE AND SUPPORT A CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THEIR CLUB MEMBERS and further RESOLVED TO JOIN WITH CITY, PARENT AND STUDENT GROUPS TO DEVELOP A SUBSTANCE-USE PREVENTION

CAMPAIGN IN THEIR COMMUNITIES EXPLAINING THE DANGERS OF FENTANYL.

**Recommendation: Approve**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**2009-01 – ~~OVARIAN CANCER~~ REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM CANCERS** (Convention 2009, Reviewed 2014, Returned to Committee 2021)

Whereas, ~~Ovarian cancer~~ **Reproductive System Cancers** ~~is~~ **are** not easily detected; and Whereas, pap smears are important to a woman's health but are not a guarantee for the detection of ovarian cancer ~~reliable for the detection of anything but cervical cancer~~; and Whereas, pap smears are still the standard annual testing for the detection of all reproductive cancers; and Whereas, doctors have pelvic ultrasounds available that have been useful and effective in the detection of reproductive cancers; and Whereas, blood testing has also found to be a non-invasive, reliable testing for some reproductive system cancers; Whereas regular pelvic ultrasounds and blood testing are not covered by most insurances for the detection of reproductive system cancers; therefore RESOLVED, THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRONGLY URGES INCREASED FUNDING FOR ~~RESEARCH LEADING TO THE DETECTION OF OVARIAN CANCER~~ **REGULAR PELVIC ULTRASOUNDS AND BLOOD TESTING, IN ADDITION TO PAP SMEARS FOR THE DETECTION OF ALL REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM CANCERS,** and further RESOLVED, THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SENT TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC), THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTER AND THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS. **Recommendation: Approve as Modified**

## **2022-11 DISCONTINUE USE OF PFAS CONTAINING PRODUCTS (NEW)**

Whereas, man-made chemicals poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) potentially cause several severe health impacts such as cancer, hormone suppression, obesity, decreased fertility, liver damage, and thyroid damage; and Whereas PFAS analytes are now found in our environment in soil and groundwater and in the human body because the chemicals do not break down and can accumulate over time; and Whereas, these contaminant can be found in food packaged with PFAS-containing equipment, stain- and water-repellent fabrics, non-stick products, polishes, waxes, paints, cleaning products, fire-fighting foam, fast food wrappers, sunscreen, makeup, utensils, bakeware, textiles, pizza boxes, pesticides, writing implements and so on; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO ELIMINATE PFAS USE; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON STOPPING THE USE OF THIS GROUP OF CONTAMINANTS. **Recommendation: Approve**

## **2022-12 MASON BEES (NEW)**

Whereas, Bees pollinate food crops, and the food we eat relies on their pollination; and Whereas, Bee population continues to decline due to the rampant use of pesticides and other environmental factors, like climate change; and Whereas, Mason Bees are known as “super pollinators” having a 95% pollination rate, compared with a Honeybee’s 5% pollination rate; and Whereas, Mason Bees do not make honey, and do not live in colonies, and Whereas, Mason Bees rarely sting, and when they do it is equivalent to a mosquito bite, making them safe to be near all age groups; and Whereas, Mason bees make their nests about 300 feet from the best selection of fruit trees and flowers, providing more control where pollination occurs; and Whereas, Mason Bee Houses are simple and inexpensive to make, requiring common disposable items found at every home; Therefore, RESOLVED GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS ENCOURAGES ALL ITS INDIVIDUAL CLUBS AND MEMBERS TO DO A “PROJECT IN A DAY,” AND MAKE A MASON BEE HOUSE, TO PROMOTE AND INCREASE THE MASON BEE POPULATION, AND TO POST ALL MASON BEE HOUSE COMPLETED PROJECTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO INCREASE MASON BEE AWARENESS AND MASON BEE HOUSE PRODUCTION. **Recommendation:**  
**Approve**

## **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

### **2021-04 SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (Convention 2021)**

Whereas, Law enforcement Officers carry out their duties to uphold the laws of the land, to prevent crime, to apprehend suspected criminals, to rescue those in danger and to keep the peace, while putting their lives on the line daily; therefore, RESOLVED, THAT THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS GOES ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN **LAWFULLY** CARRYING OUT THEIR PRESCRIBED DUTIES; and further RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.  
**Recommendation: Approved as modified**