

CFWC RESOLUTIONS (Modified May 2024)

ARTS AND CULTURE

ENVIRONMENT

2022-01 REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE (Convention 2022)

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.

2022-02 HAZARDOUS WASTE (Convention 2022)

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.

2022-03 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Convention 2022)

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 SUPPPORTS LEGISLATION REDUCING OF 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.

2022-04 STOP OZONE DEPLETIONS (Convention 2022)

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;k 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 SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTLA PROTECTION AGENCY'S EFFORTS AT CLEAN AIR ACT ENVORCEMENT; 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.

2022-05 DEMAND CLEAN DRINKING WATER FOR ALL (Convention 2022)

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.

2022-06 ELIMINATE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (Convention 2022)

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.

2022-07 PROTECTION OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY (Convention 2022)

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.

2004-01 COASTAL WATERS (Convention 2004, Reviewed 2009, 2014, Reaffirmed 2021)

Whereas, clean water is essential to health; and Whereas, polluted coastal water is unhealthy; and Whereas, man has limited control over tidal action; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS DEMANDS THAT THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS UPHOLD ALL EXISTING LEGISLATION THAT ENSURES PUBLIC WATERS AND COASTAL AREAS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SHALL BE POLLUTION FREE OF SATURATION BY DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRONGLY URGES CALIFORNIA'S OFFICIALS TO WORK WITH MEXICO AND THE RELEVANT COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA TO ENSURE THE NON-POLLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL AREA BY DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ASKS THAT ALL MEMBER CLUBS INITIATE AN ANNUAL LETTER CAMPAIGN TO THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THIS PROBLEM IS RESOLVED.

2005-01 RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHT (Convention 2005, Amended 2010, Amended 2015, Reaffirmed 2021)

Whereas, Safety on the highways and streets of our state is of prime importance to the welfare of all California residents, and Whereas, Freight volumes are expected to grow more than 65% by 2020 and trucks are expected to move over 75% more tons of freight by 2020 which will make congestion worse on our overcrowded highways, and Whereas, We must pursue growth options designed to move goods as safely and efficiently as possible, and Whereas, How our nation's freight is transported directly impacts our quality of life, the strength of our economy, the number of available jobs, the safety on our highways, and Whereas, One intermodal train can carry 280 truck trailers, and more shipments by rail will mean less congested and safer highways, and Whereas, Rail moves one ton of freight more than 480 miles on just one gallon of fuel, thus reducing harmful air pollutants by 6 to 12 times. Railroads are three or more times more fuel efficient than trucks. Shifting only 10% of the long-haul freight that currently moves by truck to rail would save in excess of one (1) billion gallons of fuel per year; therefore RESOLVED: THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS GOES ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS TO HIGHWAY CONGESTION, A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT, AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE BY ADVOCATING FOR INCREASED USE OF FREIGHT RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION; and further RESOLVED, THAT LEGISLATION AFFECT AN OPTIMAL BALANCE IN FUNDING HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

2022-12 MASON BEES (Convention 2022)

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 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.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

2021-01 TEENAGE DRUNK DRIVING (Convention 2021)

Whereas, Seventy percent of all teenagers admit to drinking alcohol; and every fifteen minutes a teenager will die due to drunken driving; and Whereas, Sixty percent (60%) of all teenager deaths from car accidents involves the use of alcohol; RESOLVED THAT THE GFWC/CFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT THE REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVER EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS AND PROMOTE PROGRAMS THAT ENCOURAGE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN REGARD TO TEENAGE DRINKING.

2021-02 LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS DIVERSITY AND BIAS (Convention 2021)

Whereas videos have captured police actions that in many opinions have depicted an abuse of power and racial/cultural bias, and Whereas some protests and demonstrations of those police actions, have devolved to further violence and destruction of property, and Whereas, the actions of some police officers have resulted in the loss of esteem to the law enforcement profession and Whereas, blameless police officers are receiving threats and their lives are in danger; therefore RESOLVED, THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BE ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAMS THAT STRESS NON-PHYSICAL INTERVENTION FIRST, AS A PRIORITY, TO KEEP BOTH THE OFFICERS AND THE COMMUNITY SAFE, CREATE AND/OR ENHANCE PROGRAMS TO INTERACT WITH LOCAL YOUTH, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, TO ADDRESS IMPLICIT/EXPLICIT BIAS, THEREBY PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT AND TRUST AMONG ALL PARTIES; FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

2022-09 LIFELONG LEARNING FOR HEALTHY BRAIN FUNCTION (Convention 2022)

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.

2022-10 FENTANYL AWARENESS (Convention 2022)

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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

2009-01 REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM CANCERS (Convention 2009, Reviewed 2014, Returned to Committee 2021, Amended 2022)

Whereas, Reproductive System Cancers are not easily detected; and Whereas, Pap smears are important to a woman’s health but are not reliable for the detection of anything but cervical cancer; and Whereas, pap smears are still the standard annual testing for the detection 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 THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS STRONGLY URGES INCREASED FUNDING FOR 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.

2010-01 VIOLENCE AND YOUTH DATING (Convention 2010, Amended 2015, Amended 2021)

Whereas, dating violence is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship and can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination of these. It is not gender specific; and Whereas, youth are more vulnerable to dating violence and are less likely to recognize the abuse; and Whereas, Eighty-one percent (81%) of parents surveyed either believe youth dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is an issue and a majority of parents (54%) admit they have not spoken to their child about dating

violence; and Whereas, Except for parents, teachers probably have more contact with young people than any other adult; and Whereas Education is the best mechanism to stop youth dating violence and is crucial to creating a culture of intolerance for teen dating abuse; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE CLUBS AND MEMBERS OF THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT, WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL ACTIVITIES, NATIONAL TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH (FEBRUARY) TO INCLUDE WEAR ORANGE DAY; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE CLUBS AND MEMBERS OF THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS IN PARTICULAR EMPHASIZE EDUCATION FOR BOTH YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS, IN THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TOWARD PREVENTING YOUTH DATING VIOLENCE; and further RESOLVED, THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS REQUESTS THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE ENACT LEGISLATION INCORPORATING POSITIVE DATING EDUCATION INTO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE INSTRUCTIONAL QUALITY COMMISSION BE URGED TO INCLUDE A DISTINCT CATEGORY ON MENTAL HEALTH TO INCLUDE YOUTH DATING VIOLENCE.

2021-03 RISK OF E-CIGARETTES "VAPING" FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS (Convention 2021)

Whereas, Using e-cigarettes "Vaping" is unsafe for children and young adults due to the fact that they contain nicotine that is highly addictive and can harm brain development; and Whereas, One pod or cartridge contains about the same amount of nicotine as a whole pack of cigarettes; and Whereas, e-cigarettes contain other harmful substances besides nicotine; and Whereas, Young people who smoke e-cigarettes are more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future; and Whereas e-cigarettes "vaping" is frequently sold with enticing flavors that are more enjoyable to beginning smokers; therefore RESOLVED THAT THE GFWC/CFWC FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT THE PROHIBITION OF FLAVORED PRODUCTS NOT COVERED BY A FEDERAL BAN, INCLUDING MENTHOL FLAVORED CARTRIDGES, REFILLABLE AND TANK- BASED VAPING SYSTEMS.

2022-11 DISCONTINUE USE OF PFAS CONTAINING PRODUCTS (Convention 2022)

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.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

2008-01 "IN GOD WE TRUST" ON UNITED STATES COINS AND CURRENCY (Convention 2008; amended 2013, Reaffirmed 2021)

Whereas, In 1861 Chief Justice Chase of the Supreme Court wrote the following letter to the director of the U.S. Mint: "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins"; and Whereas, Legislation mandated the inscription of "In God We Trust" and it has appeared on U.S. coins since 1894 and on paper currency since 1957; and Whereas, In 1956 Congress and the Supreme Court voted in favor of declaring "In God We Trust" as the National Motto of the United States; therefore RESOLVED, THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" AND PROPOSE THAT IT SHOULD REMAIN ON THE FACE OF ALL UNITED STATES COINS AND PAPER CURRENCY; and further RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO:

1. THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.
2. ALL GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS DISTRICTS AND CLUBS.
3. THE UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

2008-02 CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY (Convention 2008, Reaffirmed 2013, Amended 2021)

Whereas, California has fallen away from celebrating this important and historic day and we feel strongly that all Californians should be proud of this very important day of September 9, 1850; when California was admitted as the 31st state into the United States, and Whereas, Admission Day should be a day of remembrance, programs and celebrations, and Whereas, We are proud of Admission Day and we want to share this with everyone in the State of California; therefore RESOLVED; THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS THE OBSERVANCE OF CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY ANNUALLY ON SEPTEMBER 9TH; and further RESOLVED, THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL SCHOOLS TO PLAN A SPECIAL ADMISSION DAY EVENT.

2009-02 SUPER-SIZED TRUCKS (Feb. Board 2009, Convention 2010, Reaffirmed 2015, Reaffirmed 2021)

Whereas, Existing infrastructure cannot support the effect of increasing weight limits of super-sized trucks. Current efforts are underway to increase the weight limit of trucks to 97,000 pounds; and Whereas, The 2007 National Bridge Inventory by the Federal Highway Administration classified 6,977 bridges as having been rated structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and Whereas, Super-sized trucks, which would have an increase in length and weight, are being called "higher productivity vehicles" on the basis of the argument that they would result in fewer trucks on the road. It is also argued that there will be fewer emissions; and Whereas, These arguments are countered by the fact that since 1982 when Congress raised the maximum allowable truck weight to its current 80,000 pounds, there has been an increase in the number of U.S. registered trucks and an increase in the number of miles traveled by these trucks; and Whereas, Truck travel grows after an increase in truck size and weight because bigger trucks divert freight from other transportation modes; therefore RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS ANY EFFORT TO PREVENT THE INCREASE OF LENGTH AND WEIGHT OF TRUCKS ON CALIFORNIA HIGHWAYS; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRONGLY SUPPORTS ANY EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF FEDERAL LAWS THAT WOULD SUPERCEDE CALIFORNIA LAWS ON THESE ISSUES.

2012-01 PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF LANE SHARING. (Fall 2012), (Winter 2015), (Convention 2015, sent back to Committee 2021)

Whereas, Current California Vehicle Code, does not address Lane Sharing (which includes lane splitting, filtering, white lining and stripe riding); and Whereas, California is the only state that has no law or state vehicle code which explicitly prohibits Lane Sharing by motorcycles on roadways; and Whereas, Lane Sharing places motorcycles into roadway spaces not designed for traffic such as painted lines, road seams and reflective material, and Whereas, Lane Sharing places motorcycles in roadway spaces where movement is not expected, resulting in sometimes fatal automobile/motorcycle accidents; and RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGE THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS AND CALIFORNIA. AUTHORITIES TO INITIATE AND PASS A LAW THAT PROHIBITS LANE SHARING BY MOTORCYCLES ON CALIFORNIA ROADWAYS.

2021-04 SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (Convention 2021, amended 2022)

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 GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS GOES ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN LAWFULLY CARRYING OUT THEIR PRESCRIBED DUTIES; FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

2021-05 UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) (Convention 2021)

Whereas the USPS was established in 1775; and Whereas the USPS provides a vital public service that is part of our nation's critical infrastructure; and Whereas the USPS is the largest civilian employer, employing more than 700,000 people; and Whereas the USPS uses zero tax dollars; and Whereas the USPS is a not-for-profit, self-supporting agency that covers its expenses through sales of postage and related products; and Whereas the USPS

delivers 472.1 million pieces of mail each day; and Whereas the USPS delivers life-saving medications, vote-by-mail ballots and other indispensable pieces of mail; and Whereas the USPS delivery of commercial mail is vital to the existence of small businesses; and Whereas the USPS is the only delivery service that delivers to every single American address; and Whereas neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds; and Whereas the postal service has supported Woman's Clubs activities by delivering invitations, cards, notices, payments, applications and correspondence vital to our existence; and Whereas the USPS has been negatively affected by the economic slowdown due to the Coronavirus Pandemic that threatens its existence; therefore RESOLVED, THAT GFWC-CFWC, STRONGLY URGES THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES SENATE, THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PROVIDE RELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NEEDS TO STAY IN BUSINESS BY PASSING H.R. 2382-116TH CONGRESS: USPS FAIRNESS ACT AND APPROVING FUNDING TO ENSURE THEIR FINANCIAL SOLVENCY; AND FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SENATE AND CONGRESS.

2024-02 PREVENTION OF COERCED MARRIAGE (Convention 2024)

Whereas, the State of California has no minimum age for marriage; and Whereas, vulnerable people have been forced or coerced to marry; and Whereas, there is no process or procedure in California to ensure that marriage license applicants are seeking marriage of their own volition and free will; therefore RESOLVED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS TO ENACT LAW THAT NO PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE IS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY, and RESOLVED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS TO DEVELOP A SCREENING PROCEDURE, WHEREBY EACH MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICANT IS INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY AND INDIVIDUALLY TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE MARRYING OF THEIR OWN VOLITION AND FREE WILL, and RESOLVED THE SCREENING PROCEDURE WILL INCLUDE AN IMMEDIATE SAFETY PLAN FOR A PERSON WHO INDICATES THEY ARE NOT MARRYING OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, AS WELL AS A REPORTING AND FOLLOW-UP PLAN FOR A PERSON THAT STATES THEY ARE MARRYING OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, BUT IS DEMONSTRATING SIGNS OF COERCION, and RESOLVED, THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS AND ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, URGE THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THEIR LOCAL LEGISLATORS TO ENACT LAW THAT PREVENTS MARRIAGE BY COERCION.