

California Federation of Women's Clubs

RESOLUTIONS (Revised and Updated May 2026)

The following policy resolutions have been adopted and reviewed by delegates of the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC). The date of initial adoption is followed by documentation of reaffirmation on a 5 year cycle, as well as noting if the resolution has been amended. Resolutions are automatically archived after 20 years as board policy. Review of current policy is conducted by the CFWC Resolutions Committee, and their recommendations for reaffirmation, amendment, or archival due to the achievement of the resolution's intent are presented to the delegate body for final action during the annual convention. Resolutions have been assigned to categories reflecting General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) Special Programs and Community Service Programs. Additional overarching policy may be applied using the General Federation of Women's Clubs current Policy Resolutions information.

GFWC SIGNATURE PROGRAM: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

2025-03 PREVENTION OF FORCED MARRIAGE (Convention 2025)

Whereas, forced marriage means a marriage with one or more elements of force, fraud, or coercion, and where one or both parties do not or cannot consent to the marriage, and Whereas, forced marriage is a violation of human rights and personal autonomy, often resulting in emotional, physical, and psychological harm to individuals; and Whereas, forced marriage contributes to cycles of poverty, domestic violence, lack of education, and other social and economic disadvantages; and Whereas, forced marriage disproportionately affects women and girls, but also impacts men, limiting their ability to make free and informed choices regarding marriage; and Whereas, forced marriage undermines legal protections, personal dignity, and the fundamental principle of free consent in marriage as recognized in international human rights instruments, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); and therefore be it RESOLVED: 1. LEGISLATION & ENFORCEMENT: THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS (CFWC) SHALL ADVOCATE FOR GOVERNMENTS AT ALL LEVELS TO ENACT AND ENFORCE LAWS THAT CRIMINALIZE FORCED MARRIAGE, ENSURE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR PERPETRATORS, AND PROVIDE PROTECTION AND SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS. 2. EDUCATION & AWARENESS: CFWC AND ITS MEMBER CLUBS SHALL IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, AND INSTITUTIONS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE RIGHTS TO FREE AND INFORMED CONSENT IN MARRIAGE AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF FORCED MARRIAGE. 3. SUPPORT SERVICES: CFWC SHALL COLLABORATE WITH ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SAFE SHELTERS, LEGAL AID, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF OR ESCAPING FORCED MARRIAGES.

2026-03 SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY INCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE ON SINGLE-USE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT PACKAGING (Convention 2026)

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a widespread and ongoing public health crisis in the United States, with 1 in 3 women experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and WHEREAS, the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-779-SAFE / 1(800)779-7233 / www.thehotline.org) offers free confidential support and resources to individuals experiencing abuse or seeking safety and assistance, and WHEREAS, people experiencing domestic violence are often isolated from support systems and may have limited opportunities to access resource information, and WHEREAS, single-use feminine hygiene products are used regularly and privately, presenting a discreet and accessible opportunity to life-saving resources for victims and survivors of abuse without significant cost to manufacturers; therefore be it RESOLVED: THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS (CFWC) SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES THE VOLUNTARY INCLUSION OF THE NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE CONTACT INFORMATION ON PACKAGING FOR ALL SINGLE-USE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THE CFWC ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBER CLUBS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND TO SUPPORT MANUFACTURERS AND COMPANIES WHO CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VOLUNTARY EFFORT; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THE CFWC WILL WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH LIKE-MINDED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, ADVOCACY GROUPS,

AND INDUSTRY LEADERS TO PROMOTE THIS ACTION AS A MEANS OF INCREASING ACCESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT AND URGES THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB TO ADOPT THIS POLICY RESOLUTION.

ARTS AND CULTURE

2025-01 ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE ARTS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES (Convention 2025)

Whereas, the arts, in all forms including visual, performing, literary, and digital arts, play a crucial role in fostering creativity, critical thinking, and cultural awareness among individuals of all ages; and Whereas, studies have shown that exposure to the arts in educational and community settings enhances academic performance, improves social-emotional well-being, and strengthens community engagement; and Whereas, many schools and communities face challenges in funding and sustaining arts programs, making it imperative for organizations like the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) to advocate for and support arts initiatives; therefore, be it RESOLVED, THAT THE CFWC ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE ARTS IN ALL FORMS BY SUPPORTING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAMS, ADVOCATING FOR INCREASED ARTS FUNDING, AND COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL ARTISTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE THE ACCESSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ARTS EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT FOR ALL.

2025-02 SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES (Convention 2025)

Whereas, museums and historical societies play a vital role in preserving and showcasing the cultural and historical heritage of local communities; and Whereas, maintaining and supporting these institutions fosters education, tourism, and community pride while ensuring that future generations have access to their shared history; and Whereas, many museums and historical societies face financial and operational challenges, making it imperative for organizations like the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) to advocate for and provide support to sustain these important institutions; therefore, be it RESOLVED, THAT THE CFWC ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN MAINTAINING AND SUPPORTING EXISTING MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES BY PROMOTING COMMUNITY AWARENESS, ADVOCATING FOR FUNDING, AND COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR ALL

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

2008-01 "IN GOD WE TRUST" ON UNITED STATES COINS AND CURRENCY (Convention 2008; Amended 2013, Reaffirmed 2021, Amended 2026)

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.

2008-02 CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY (Convention 2008, Reaffirmed 2013, Amended 2021, Reaffirmed 2026)

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, Reaffirmed 2026)

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, Reaffirmed 2015, sent back to Committee 2021, Reaffirmed 2026)

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, Reaffirmed 2026) 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.

2026-04 OPPOSE THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS IN CALIFORNIA AND THE UNITED STATES
(Convention 2026)

Whereas: public lands in California and across the United States are held in trust for all Americans and provide vital environmental, recreational, cultural, and economic benefits, including clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and outdoor opportunities for future generations; and Whereas: the sale or transfer of these lands to private entities undermines public access, increases the risk of environmental degradation, and may lead to the exploitation of natural resources without adequate public oversight or accountability; and Whereas: the California Federation of Women's Clubs has a longstanding legacy of conservation

advocacy, including its historic role in preserving Muir Woods National Monument, the Redwoods in and around the Avenue of the Giants with the California Federation of Women's Club Grove on the Eel River, and remains committed to protecting public lands for the enjoyment and benefit of all people; RESOLVED: THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRONGLY OPPOSES THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS IN CALIFORNIA AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP; AND RESOLVED: THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES STATE AND FEDERAL LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND POLICY MEASURES THAT PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS AND ENSURE THEIR CONTINUED PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, ACCESSIBILITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.

2026-06 RECOGNIZING THE INDIGENOUS HERITAGE OF CALIFORNIA (Convention 2026)

WHEREAS: California was originally inhabited by indigenous people and the Women's Clubs of California have served in communities where these people traditionally lived, and WHEREAS: colonization by immigrants resulted in land seizure, subjugation, relocation, and the genocide of many of these early inhabitants, and

WHEREAS: A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS A FORMAL STATEMENT THAT RECOGNIZES AND RESPECTS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AS THE TRADITIONAL STEWARDS OF THIS LAND WE RESIDE ON AND THE ENDURING RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR TRADITIONAL LANDS, AND IS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO OCCUPY SPACE ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' LAND, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS FEELS IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR CLUBS IN CALIFORNIA TO APPROACH AND WORK TOGETHER WITH ELDERS FROM THE LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE NEVER LEARNED THE NAME(S) OF THE PEOPLE WHO CALLED, AND STILL CALL, THIS LAND HOME, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ENCOURAGES ITS CONSTITUENT CLUBS IN THE STATE TO VOLUNTARILY CREATE A LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SPECIFIC TO THEIR LOCATION AND COMMUNITY TO BE READ AT THE START OF EVERY MEETING.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

2021-01 TEENAGE DRUNK DRIVING (Convention 2021, Amended 2026)

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 teenage 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 LOCAL HIGH 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, Reaffirmed 2026)

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 lifespan 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 be it 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.

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 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.

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; 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 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.

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, 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.

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 THE 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.

2026-01 MITIGATING TRANSBOUNDARY WASTEWATER POLLUTION AFFECTING U.S. COASTAL COMMUNITIES (Convention 2026)

WHEREAS, the Tijuana River system, which flows from Tijuana, Mexico into Southern California, regularly discharges untreated sewage, industrial waste, and toxic runoff into the Pacific Ocean near Imperial Beach, California, resulting in severe pollution of coastal waters; and WHEREAS, this persistent cross-border wastewater crisis has led to thousands of beach closure days over the last decade, serious public health concerns, environmental degradation, and negative economic impacts for residents and visitors alike; and WHEREAS, while some federal funding and binational cooperation exists through the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), it has been insufficient in preventing these ongoing discharges, and further long-term infrastructure and policy investment is urgently needed; therefore, be it RESOLVED, THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUSTAIN FUNDING FOR CROSS-BORDER WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND POLLUTION MITIGATION THROUGH AGENCIES SUCH AS THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS ENCOURAGES ITS MEMBER CLUBS TO EDUCATE THEIR COMMUNITIES, ADVOCATE FOR BINATIONAL COOPERATION ON THIS ISSUE, AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND POLICY ACTIONS THAT AIM TO PREVENT TRANSBOUNDARY SEWAGE POLLUTION FROM IMPACTING THE OCEAN, WATER QUALITY, AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

2026-02 SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (Convention 2026)

WHEREAS, the Kern County Subbasin is a critical source of groundwater for communities, agriculture, and ecosystems throughout the region, and its long-term sustainability is essential for the health,

prosperity, and resilience of current and future generations; and WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has identified priority deficiencies in Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) submitted by Kern County Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), requiring further action to ensure proper groundwater management under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and WHEREAS, failure to adequately address groundwater overdraft, deteriorating water quality, and land subsidence poses serious risks, including failed wells, environmental harm, damage to infrastructure, and diminished aquifer storage capacity critical for adapting to prolonged droughts and climate change; therefore, be it RESOLVED, THE CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS POLICY FOR ALL SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES IN THE STATE TO ENHANCE THEIR GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS AND PROTECT VITAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMMUNITIES, FARMS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND ADVOCATES FOR STRONG, SCIENCE-BASED GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT THAT PRESERVES CALIFORNIA'S WATER FUTURE FOR ALL.

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, Reaffirmed 2026)

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.

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 contaminants 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 PFOA 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.