

GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs

RESOLUTIONS

(as of May 2020)

ARTS

010-007 INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES (Convention 1990, Reaffirmed 1995, Reaffirmed 2005, Reaffirmed 2010, Reaffirmed 2015)

Whereas, In the arts, aesthetic knowledge and means of communication gained through the training of the visual senses and creative effort are recognized, together with historical and scientific knowledge, as bases to complete education of the individual; and Whereas, Training for the arts is costly, lengthy and grueling, and little opportunity may exist for the recognition and presentation of talent; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT IN VIEW OF THE ONGOING CURTAILMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE ARTS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES, THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES ITS MEMBER CLUBS TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE VISUAL, CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES.

010-008 MUSEUMS

(Convention 1990, Reaffirmed 1995, Reaffirmed 2000, Reaffirmed 2005, Amended 2010, Reaffirmed 2015)

Whereas, The GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs believes in the creation of better understanding and knowledge of the unique and important aspects of preservation of the culture and heritage of all peoples; and Whereas, it is imperative that emphasis be given to the preservation of entities and organizations that support our cultural heritage; and Whereas, Museums preserve and interpret the cultures and mores of peoples; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES MEMBER CLUBS TO BE ACTIVE IN MAINTAINING EXISTING MUSEUMS IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS.

CONSERVATION

011-029 FILING BANKRUPTCY TO AVOID ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENFORCEMENT (Convention 1985, Reviewed 1993, Amended/Reaffirmed Convention 1998, Reviewed 2004, Amended 2009, Reviewed 2014)

Whereas, The GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs have made disposal of hazardous waste and the cleanup of hazardous waste sites top priorities; and Whereas, The United States Congress enacted laws giving the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) power and funds to regulate and enforce the disposal of hazardous waste and the cleanup of hazardous waste sites, thus mandating the state work toward these ends; and Whereas, The United States Supreme Court subsequently ruled, due to a loophole in the law, that an industrial polluter can avoid an injunction ordering disposal of hazardous waste and/or cleanup of hazardous waste sites by filing bankruptcy, thus hindering EPA enforcement; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE ALLOWING THE USE OF THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY LAW TO AVOID EPA ENFORCEMENT; and further RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA).

011-039 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Convention 1989, Amended/Reaffirmed 1994, Reviewed 1999, Amended 2004, Amended 2009, Reviewed 2014)

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.

011-062 STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DEPLETION (Convention 1989, Reaffirmed 1993, Reviewed 1998, Amended 2003, Amended 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

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 Whereas, The development of hydro chlorofluorocarbons (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.

011-067 COASTAL WATERS (Convention 2004, Reviewed 2009, 2014)

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.

011-068 RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHT (Convention 2005, Amended 2010, Amended 2015)

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 EFFECT AN OPTIMAL BALANCE IN FUNDING HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

EDUCATION

012-089 PROGRAM CONTENT AND SCHEDULING (TV) (Convention 1982, Reaffirmed 1987, Reaffirmed 1993, Amended/Reaffirmed 1998, Amended/Reaffirmed 2003, Amended/Reaffirmed 2008, Reaffirmed 2013)

Whereas, Violence, crime and sex on television today has become so explicit; and Whereas, This type of programming has expanded into "prime time"; and Whereas, The American public has come to accept this as a way of life; therefore

RESOLVED, THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS PROTESTS TELEVISION AND CABLE PROGRAMS USING VIOLENCE, CRIME AND SEX; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS REQUESTS MAJOR TV AND CABLE NETWORKS TO RECONSIDER PROGRAM CONTENT AND SCHEDULING AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REDUCE VIOLENCE, CRIME, AND SEX PROGRAMMING, PARTICULARLY IN PRIME TIME; and further RESOLVED, THAT GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES ITS MEMBERS NOT TO PATRONIZE MAJOR TELEVISION OR CABLE NETWORKS BROADCASTING THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMING.

HOME LIFE

012-111 VIOLENCE AND YOUTH DATING (Convention 2010, Amended 2015)

Whereas, dating violence is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship. It occurs in both heterosexual and homosexual relationships and can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination of these. It is not gender specific; and Whereas, Lack of dating experience allows youth to be more vulnerable to dating violence where they are less likely to recognize the abuse; and Whereas, While dating, domestic and sexual violence primarily affects females regardless of their age, young women are especially vulnerable; 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); 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.

013-112 BREAST CANCER (Convention 1993, Reviewed 1999, Amended 2004, Reviewed 2009, Reviewed 2014)

Whereas, While mammography screening plays a vital role in early diagnosis, it by no means displaces or in any way mitigates the vital need for continued research into the prevention and cure of breast cancer; and Whereas, Increased federal and state commitments to breast cancer prevention and cure will save millions of women's lives and reduce the economic costs associated with the disease; therefore,

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRONGLY URGES CONTINUED FUNDING FOR RESEARCH LEADING TO THE PREVENTION OF BREAST CANCER.

013-145 MEDIA CONTENT IN CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING & OTHER MEDIA (Convention 1994, Reaffirmed 1999, Amended/Affirmed 2004, Amended 2009, 2014)

Whereas, Violence, crime and sex in the content of such media providers as TV, films, cartoons, comic books, graphic novels, video games, and the Internet are often depicted explicitly; and Whereas, children watching television, according to a National Institute on Media & the Family study, sees violent acts in media that are as/or more violent than adult programming; and Whereas, The Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) provides guidance about video games & apps so that consumers, especially parents, can make informed choices they deem suitable for their family; and Whereas, The most effective way to combat this dissemination of these media forms of violence, crimes, and sex is through diligent monitoring of what children watch or purchase; and Whereas, Withholding patronage, and letter writing are effective tools, as well as use of available electronic parental controls; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT MEMBERS OF THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS BE ENCOURAGED TO WRITE LETTERS TO THE RELEVANT SPONSORS OF PRODUCTS NOTIFYING THEM OF THEIR INTENT TO WITHHOLD PATRONAGE.; and further RESOLVED, THAT MEMBERS ENCOURAGE THE EDUCATION AND USE OF AVAILABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS.

013-177 FEMALE DEGRADATION (Convention 1979, Reaffirmed 1988, 1993, 1999, Amended 2004, Amended 2009, Reviewed 2014)

Whereas, Women as sex objects continues to be a part of advertising; and Whereas, Research indicates a link between pornography and advertising; and Whereas, The use of the Internet has increased this problem; and Whereas, Often advertising pictures women as "hot babes", showing flesh and subservient to men and Whereas, A false perception of body images can affect emotional teenagers and can lead to eating disorders; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS OPPOSES THE DEGRADATION OF WOMEN FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.

013-185 HEAD START (Convention 2003, Reaffirmed 2008, Reaffirmed 2013)

Whereas, Head Start serves basic family needs including preventive health and dental care; balanced nutrition; socialization opportunities; safe and structured environment; parental guidance, counseling, and educational opportunities as well as preschool child education; and Whereas, There is current discussion regarding transferring Head Start Services to the Department of Education; and Whereas, The Head Start Administration has, with dedication, established a successful, viable, workable Comprehensive Development Program; and Whereas, The cost of transferring Head Start services from the Health and Human Services Department to the Department of Education would add to the fiscal strain of our nation; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES THAT THE HEAD START AGENCIES REMAIN UNDER THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

013-186 MEDICAL MARIJUANA (Convention 2004, Reaffirmed 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

Whereas, Marijuana eases the pain in the final stages of many serious diseases and illnesses; and Whereas, Marijuana, for this use, should be considered a beneficial medication or drug; and Whereas, Marijuana, for this use, allows the patient to enjoy a quality of life not provided by more traditional medications; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS THE USE OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES ONLY WHEN PRESCRIBED BY A REPUTABLE, LICENSED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

013-191 OVARIAN CANCER (Convention 2009, Reviewed 2014)

Whereas, Ovarian cancer is 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; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRONGLY URGES INCREASED FUNDING FOR RESEARCH LEADING TO THE DETECTION OF OVARIAN CANCER. 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.

013-195 RISK OF E-CIGARETTES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

Whereas, Using e-cigarettes 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 are frequently sold with enticing flavors that are more enjoyable to beginning smokers; therefore

RESOLVED THAT THE GFWC/CFWC FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORT STATE SENATE BILL 538 THAT WOULD PROHIBIT FLAVORED PRODUCTS NOT COVERED BY A FEDERAL BAN, INCLUDING MENTHOL FLAVORED CARTRIDGES, REFILLABLES AND TANK- BASED VAPING SYSTEMS.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

014-186 BAN ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS USED IN WARFARE (Convention 1989, Amended/Reaffirmed 1994, Reaffirmed 1999, Amended 2004, Reaffirmed 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

Whereas, The Geneva Convention bans the use of chemical and biological warfare; therefore

RESOLVED THAT THE GFWC/CFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS ALL GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO ENFORCE THIS BAN WORLDWIDE.

PUBLIC ISSUES

015-206 AIRLINE PASSENGER SAFETY (Convention 1968, Reviewed 1993, Reaffirmed 1998, Amended 2003, Reviewed 2009, Reviewed 2010, Amended 2015)

Whereas, Hundreds of people have been killed or injured in low-impact, small plane accidents, when passenger seats come loose from their mountings, or when vulnerable fuel tanks erupted in flames, and Whereas, The National Transportation Safety Board statistics for survivable accidents continue to show that heat, smoke and toxic gas kill many passengers; and Whereas, There have been advances in passenger survival measures, not all have been required or adopted; and Whereas, It is of benefit to all passengers to study the cabin so they may remain calm and helpful in emergency situations, therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS WILL ENCOURAGE AIRPLANE SAFETY PROGRAMS IN THEIR CLUBS AND COMMUNITIES; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA

FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES THAT MEASURES ENSURING MAXIMUM PASSENGER SURVIVAL BE REQUIRED ON ALL NEW AND EXISTING COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

015-209 AMERICAN CITIZEN'S PROTECTION LAWS (Convention 1969, Reaffirmed 1989, Amended/Reaffirmed 1994, Reaffirmed 1999, Reviewed 2004, Amended 2009, Reviewed 2014)

Whereas, American citizens, especially women, are no longer safe on the streets or in their homes; and Whereas, Law enforcement officers have stated that present law procedures give the criminal undue advantage; and Whereas, Law enforcement officers have found that persons with criminal records have served on juries; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRONGLY URGES THAT PRESENT LAWS BE MADE MORE ENFORCEABLE AND THE RIGHT OF THE VICTIM MORE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED WHEN PASSING NEW CRIMINAL LEGISLATION, AND EFFORTS BE MADE TO OVERCOME STATUTORY AND JUDICIAL INTERPRETATIONS THAT PERMIT WRONGDOERS TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT WHEN MERITED; and further RESOLVED, THAT NO PERSON WITH A FELONY CRIMINAL RECORD OR CRIMINAL RECORD OF THE NATURE OF THE CASE BEING TRIED, BE ALLOWED TO SERVE ON A JURY.

015-228 CALIFORNIA LOTTERY ACCOUNTABILITY (Convention 1988, Reaffirmed 1993, Reviewed 1998, Amended 2004, Amended 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

Whereas, The general public is led to believe that players and public education are receiving huge financial gains from the California Lottery; and Whereas, As promoted before acceptance by the voters, the lottery was to be a bonanza for public to education; it is not; and Whereas, Lottery revenues account for only a small percentage of California expenditures on public education and were not intended to replace general funds; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES LAWMAKERS TO INSIST THAT ADVERTISING OF AND LOTTERY BENEFITS COMPLY WITH THE ORIGINAL INTENT AS VOTED.

015-270 GOVERNMENT WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY (Convention 1988, Reaffirmed 1993, Reviewed 1998, Amended 2004, Reviewed 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

Whereas, numerous reports indicate that there is waste and inefficiency in California government; and Whereas, The government of California annually spends in gross excess of the accumulated revenues; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT REFORMS IN STATE GOVERNMENT WASTE AND EXCESS SPENDING LEADING TO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

015-294 COURT APPEAL REFORM (Convention 1990, Reviewed 1995, Reaffirmed 2000, Amended 2005, Amended 2010, Reaffirmed 2015)

Whereas, In some instances, the victim of crimes and/or their families must live through trauma after trauma as appeals continue, sometimes for many years; and Whereas, The cost to the public can become prohibitive; therefore Whereas, The delay and overload in the courts would be reduced and, to many accused, their constitutional right to a speedy trial would be protected; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES THE LEGISLATORS, WORKING WITH THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT REFORMS THE APPEALS PROCESS.

015-299 MARIJUANA CULTIVATION (Convention 1983, Reaffirmed 1988, Reviewed 1998, Amended 2003, Amended 2009, Amended 2014)

Whereas, California is still the leading producer of domestic marijuana in the United States; and Whereas, Much of this cultivation of marijuana is in National Forests which are administered by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Whereas, The cost of importing marijuana is a major factor in the increase of

domestic production; and Whereas, Public lands are used by both U.S. citizens and foreign drug cartels because they making arrests difficult; and Whereas, It is increasingly difficult to regulate the encroachment of these marijuana growers on public lands; and Whereas, Marijuana, does severe damage to wilderness areas in that the growers are cutting trees and the fertilizers the growers use for the marijuana plants are leaching into underground water which pollutes water downstream for domestic water supplies; and Whereas, Trash and garbage, related to marijuana Cultivation, left affects the environment and human health; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM TO ERADICATE AND PREVENT THE CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA ON PUBLIC LANDS; and further RESOLVED, THAT EACH MEMBER IS ENCOURAGED TO WORK FOR INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS.

015-309 DRUG DEALERS (Convention 1959, Reaffirmed 1974, 1988, Reviewed 1993, 1998, Amended 2004, Reaffirmed 2009, Reviewed 2014)

Whereas, Illegal drug trafficking continues to be a major problem in our society; and Whereas, Drug Dealers can be considered predators; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS PROSECUTING DRUG DEALERS TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.

015-318 LARGE COMBINATION VEHICLES (LCVs) (Executive Board, February 1974, Convention 1974, Historic, Reactivated, Executive Board, October 1994 with reference to the NAFTA Treaty, Amended/Reaffirmed 1999, Amended/Affirmed 2004, Reaffirmed 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

Whereas, Safety on the highways and streets of our State is of prime importance to the welfare of all California residents; and Whereas, the added length and increased weight of such vehicles as triple-trailer rigs/LCVs sharply reduces the life span of existing roads and streets. LCVs create a definite hazard for passing vehicles. The braking ability of these size vehicles is dangerous to neighboring vehicles; and Whereas, Legislation currently existing that prevents or restricts triple-trailer rigs/LCVs from using California roads is regularly under attack with the intention of eliminating these length and weight limits; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS IS ON RECORD AS OPPOSING ANY CHANGE IN EXISTING LAWS GOVERNING WIDTH, LENGTH AND WEIGHT OF VEHICLES TRAVELING ON ALL THE CALIFORNIA ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

015-346 RENEWAL OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Convention 1978, Reaffirmed 1987, 1993, 1998 Amended 2003, Reaffirmed 2008, reaffirmed 2013)

Whereas, The GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs deplores the diminution of the renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom; and Whereas, Patriotism and love of country must be instilled in the youth of America; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS STRESSES THE DAILY RENEWAL OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE; and further RESOLVED, THAT MEMBER CLUBS ENCOURAGE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO DO THE SAME.

015-361 SEXUAL ASSAULT BY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL (Convention 1989, Reaffirmed 1994, Reviewed 1999, Amended 2004, Reviewed 2009, no changes 2014)

Whereas, The problem of sexual assault by mental health professionals upon their patients exists; and Whereas, California has no statute making it a criminal violation for a mental health professional to engage in sexual intercourse with a consenting patient; and Whereas, The public at the present time has no safeguard when seeking professional help; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS DEMANDS THAT THE PUBLIC BE PROTECTED FROM SUCH MISCONDUCT BY THE LEGISLATURE ENACTING A LAW MAKING IT A PUNISHABLE CRIMINAL ACT FOR A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTS WITH PATIENTS.

015-376 TEENAGE DRUNK DRIVING (Convention 1984, Reaffirmed 1989, 1994, 1999, Reviewed 2004, Amended 2009, 2014)

Whereas, Youth and their futures are in jeopardy because of the misuse of alcohol; and Whereas, There is an increase in fatalities due to teenage drunk driving; and Whereas, Of those teenage alcohol related deaths, a growing number of teenage drivers were found to have a blood alcohol level of 0.08 [legally drunk]; and Whereas, Numerous solutions to the problem of teenage drunk driving have been proposed; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS VIABLE PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD TEENAGE DRUNK DRIVING.

15-485 015-385 U.S. ENGLISH (Convention 1984, Reaffirmed 1993, Reviewed 1998, Reaffirmed 2004, Reaffirmed 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

SUPPORT THE AIMS OF U.S. TO ESTABLISH ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

015-392 VICTIM SERVICES FUND (Convention 1989, Reviewed 1994, 1999, Amended 2004, Reviewed 2009, Reviewed 2014)

Whereas, The California Legislature had the foresight to establish a Victim Services Fund with moneys funded by a penalty assessment on fines; and Whereas, These fines are not sufficient to provide all stipulated victim-related services; and Whereas, There is a continued escalation of victim demands for services; and Whereas, These fines are mandated exclusively for the use of designated services to victims; and Whereas, This fund is constantly used to fund other state needs; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO STOP DIVERTING SUCH FUNDS FOR USES OTHER THAN THOSE DIRECT SERVICES NOW PROVIDED BY STATUTE.

015-404 SAFELY SURRENDERED BABIES (Convention 2003, Reaffirmed 2008, Reaffirmed 2013)

Whereas, In recognition of the increasing number of abandoned newborn babies whose abandonment resulted in death or serious harm, the State of California enacted the Safely Surrendered Baby Law on January 2, 2001; and Whereas, This law saves the lives of newborn babies who might otherwise die or be seriously harmed; and Whereas, Designated sites, known as safe havens, are allowed to accept a newborn baby being surrendered by a parent or other individual with no shame, no blame, no names; and Whereas, The State of California is conducting a public information campaign to educate designated sites, the general public, pregnant women and responsible men existence and provisions of the law; and Whereas, Assistance from California service organizations such as the GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs is critical to a successful information campaign; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS URGES ITS MEMBER CLUBS TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN ITS INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO ASSURE THAT ABANDONED NEWBORN BABIES BE DELIVERED TO A SAFE HAVEN.

015-405 CALIFORNIA BUDGETING PROCESS (Convention 2004, Reaffirmed 2009, Reaffirmed 2014)

Whereas, Delays in passage of the state's annual budget contribute to inefficiencies and inequities in the system; therefore

RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS EXPECTS THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TO PASS THE STATE'S ANNUAL BALANCED BUDGET ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED DATE; and further RESOLVED, THAT THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS SUPPORTS THAT CALIFORNIA'S ANNUAL BALANCED BUDGET MUST BE PASSED BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY.

015-412 “IN GOD WE TRUST” ON UNITED STATES COINS AND CURRENCY (Convention 2008; amended 2013)

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.

015-414 CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY (Convention 2008, Reaffirmed 2013)

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 SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO REINSTATE CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY AS AN HONORARY CALENDAR DAY ANNUALLY ON SEPTEMBER 9TH; and further RESOLVED, SINCE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INCLUDES ADMISSION DAY ON its CALENDAR THE GFWC CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUBS URGES MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL SCHOOLS TO PLAN A SPECIAL ADMISSION DAY EVENT.

015-415 SUPER-SIZED TRUCKS (Feb. Board 2009, Convention 2010, Reaffirmed 2015)

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.

015-419 PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF LANE SHARING (Fall 2012), (Winter 2015), (Convention 2015)

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.

015-481 SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (Winter Board 2015, Convention 2015)

Whereas, Demonstrators have marched through the streets of our American cities, in protest of police action resulting in the deaths of youths and adults in America; and Whereas, Protesters chant slogans which could incite others to take violent action against law enforcement officers, causing injury and death; and Whereas, Police officers across the country are receiving threats; and 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 CARRYING OUT THEIR PRESCRIBED DUTIES; and further RESOLVED, THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BE ENCOURAGED TO CREATE AND/OR ENHANCE PROGRAMS TO INTERACT WITH LOCAL YOUTH, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, 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.