

DISCRIMINATION LAW AMENDMENT

- Whereas, Currently, under the New Jersey Law against Discrimination (N.J.S.A.10:5-12), victims of a crime are not protected; and
- Whereas, Victims who are required to cooperate with law enforcement in prosecuting the defendant in homicide, sexual offense and domestic violence cases, often experience adverse employment treatment; and, when a landlord learns that they were involved in a violent crime, possible eviction; therefore
- RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges New Jersey legislators to pass A1014 and S1201 which add crime victims as a protected status under New Jersey's Law Against Discrimination; and
- RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey Governor; Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor of the State of New Jersey; Vincent Prieto, New Jersey Speaker of the Assembly; Adam J. Taliaferro, Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee Chairman; New Jersey Senator Loretta Weinberg, Sponsor of S1201; Members of the Assembly and sponsors of A1040, Gordon M. Johnson, Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Shavonda E. Sumter, Betty Lou DeCroce; GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by,
GFWC Central Valley Contemporary Club
Rosemary Seghatoleslami, President
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ELDER ABUSE COVERED UNDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Whereas, Under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-17), elder abuse is not well defined in New Jersey, and
- Whereas, Elderly individuals are protected in a public, or private facility or institution but not the home, and
- Whereas, Violence against the elderly includes emotional, psychological as well as physical abuse, therefore
- RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges New Jersey legislators to pass S135 which would update the current law to reference elder abuse by current or former household members or others, in many possible forms including emotional, psychological and physical violence; and
- RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey; Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor of the State of New Jersey; Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate President and Sponsor of S135; Kristin Corrado, Senator and Sponsor of S135; Nicholas P. Scutari, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman; GFWC Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

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ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON DRUNK AND IMPAIRED DRIVING

- Whereas, Nationally, 10,497 people were killed in alcohol impaired driving accidents in 2016, which is 28 percent of the total traffic fatalities for the year; and
- Whereas, Nationally, approximately one-third of those arrested for DUI have a prior DUI arrest, and will continue to drink and drive, incurring multiple DUI offenses; and
- Whereas, The Commission on Drunk and Impaired Driving will be appointed to investigate all aspects of drunk and impaired driving law in New Jersey, and make recommendations to enhance government services, enforcement, education, and interventions to prevent drunk and impaired driving; and
- Whereas, The Commission will study the effectiveness of current penalties in preventing repeat offenses, as well as proposals to improve responses to repeat offenders; and
- Whereas, The Commission shall propose new legislation it deems appropriate, and conduct hearings to solicit testimony from groups and agencies with an interest in prevention of drunk and impaired driving; therefore
- RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled, May 2018, strongly urges the New Jersey Legislature to approve SJR34/AJR64 that establishes a Commission on Drunk and Impaired Driving; and
- RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Phil Murphy, Governor of New Jersey; Sheila Oliver, Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey; Stephen M. Sweeney, President of the State Senate; Craig Coughlin, Speaker of the General Assembly; Thomas H. Kean, Jr., Senate Minority Leader; Jon M. Bramnick, Assembly Minority Leader; and the Office of the Attorney General Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control; GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by;
Woman's Literary Club of Bound Brook
Christina Burlew, President
Ilse Pease, Recording Secretary

ESTABLISH SAFE SANITARY SUBSIDIZED RENTAL HOUSING BILL OF RIGHTS

Whereas, Too many residents of the State of New Jersey are currently residing in publicly subsidized, substandard rental housing, which fails to meet minimum standards of safety and sanitation; and

Whereas, Landlords who receive taxpayer money by way of rental subsidies should be held accountable and should be required to provide safe and sanitary housing accommodations; and

Whereas, Existing laws concerning registration of landlords who receive rental subsidies are too lax and allow absentee landlords to skirt responsibilities to their rental housing units and tenants, creating a dangerous environment for tenants, as well as the other members of the communities in which the rental housing units are located; and

Whereas, NJ should ensure that landlords who maintain deficient and dangerous rental housing do not benefit from taxpayer funds; that NJ is able to place additional requirements on landlords who receive rental subsidies to ensure compliance with State housing code regulations and provide a Bill of Rights for renters in subsidized housing; therefore

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges New Jersey legislators to pass A1431 which establishes the "Safe Sanitary Subsidized Rental Housing Bill of Rights" and amends and supplements various parts of the statutory law to be enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; and

RESOLVED: That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey; Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor of the State of New Jersey; Robert W. Singer, Deputy Minority Leader; Craig J. Coughlin, Assembly Speaker; Louis D. Greenwald, Majority Leader; Angela V. McKnight, Members of the Assembly and Sponsors of A1431; Nancy F. Nunoz, Ralph Caputa and Annette Chaparro; GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by:
Legislation/Resolutions Committee
Linda Babeuf, Chairman

ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS

Whereas, Our Founding Fathers did not intend for Representatives and Senators to serve for unlimited terms as their civic duty; and

Whereas, The longer Representatives and Senators serve, the more likely they are to get preferred status to serve on powerful committees and, in some cases to serve as the Chairmen of those committees; and

Whereas, An amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is needed in order to limit the number of terms that a member of Congress may serve; therefore

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges the US House of Representatives and the US Senate to pass SJ 85 which would propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms to six for the House of Representatives and to two terms as a Senator; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Donald J. Trump; the President of the United States of America; Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States of America; Rep. Mike Gallagher; sponsor; Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Kevin McCarthy, House of Representatives Majority Leader; Nancy Pelosi, House of Representatives Minority Leader; Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader; Charles E. Schumer, Senate Minority Leader; GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by,
Legislation/Resolutions Committee
Linda Babeuf, Chairman

NORTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

- Whereas, The Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NSEP) includes a proposed 32,000 horsepower natural gas compressor station that will be located in Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey; and
- Whereas, The proposed natural gas compressor station will include two natural gas-powered turbine compressors to raise the pressure of natural gas transported through the regional natural gas transmission pipeline system; and
- Whereas, The current natural gas transmission pipeline system in the area is approximately 50 years old and it is unclear whether it will be able to withstand the increased natural gas pressurization; and
- Whereas, The nearby Kingston Quarry is an active blasting zone, which may increase the potential for an explosion of natural gas; and
- Whereas, There is a lack of training for an emergency response, there is a dangerous decrease of water pressure in the area which may inhibit firefighting efforts, and there is the possibility of “blowdowns” (the deliberate venting of natural gas) that can last for up to two hours and is extremely loud and affects air quality; therefore
- RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges New Jersey legislators to pass AR 26, which expresses strenuous concern to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about Northeast Supply Enhancement Project and urges consideration of alternative projects that serve similar purpose; and
- RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Joe Danielsen, New Jersey Assemblyman and primary sponsor of AR26; Craig J.Coughlin, New Jersey Assembly Speaker; Louis Greenwald, Majority Leader; Jon M. Bramnick; Minority Leader; Wayne P. DeAngelo, Assemblyman; Benjie E. [Wimberly](#), Assemblyman; Kevin J. McIntyre, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Randi Rothmel, Chairman, NJ Environmental Advisory Board; Cheryl LaFleur, Neil Chatterjee, Robert Powelson, and Richard Glick, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Committee members; Ed Potosnak, Executive Director, NJ League of Conservation Voters, GFWC Legislation/ Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by:
Legislation/Resolutions Committee
Linda Babeuf, Chairman

NO WORK, NO PAY

Whereas, Citizens elect congressmen to represent them and work for them in Washington, DC; and

Whereas, A government shutdown means that our congressman are not working in the jobs they were elected to do; and

Whereas, People working in the public and private sectors of the economy only get paid when they work; therefore

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018 strongly urges Congress to enact S.2327 and H.R. 4870 which will authorize deductions from Congressional salaries equal to one day's worth of pay for each 24-hour period during a government shutdown; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America; Michael R. Pence, Vice-President of the United States of America; Trey Gowdy, Chairman, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee; Michael Thomas McCaul, Sr., Chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs; Senator Heidi Heitkamp, sponsor of S.2327; Representative Claudia Tenney, sponsor of HR.4870; New Jersey Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker; New Jersey Representatives Donald Norcross, Frank LoBiondo; Tom Mac Arthur, Christopher Smith, Josh Gottheimer, Frank Pallone, Jr, Leonard Lance, Albio Sires, Bill Pascrell, Jr, Donald Payne, Jr, Rodney Frelinghysen, Bonnie Watson Coleman, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman; GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by,
Legislation/Resolutions Committee
Linda Babeuf, Chairman

OPERATING DRONE EQUIPPED WITH A WEAPON

Whereas, A Civilian Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) is defined as an aerial vehicle owned or operated by a private individual or business entity that uses aerodynamic forces to propel the vehicle, does not carry a human operator, is capable of flying autonomously or being piloted remotely and may or may not conduct surveillance; and

Whereas, A person who operates a drone that is equipped with an anti-personnel device meaning a firearm, a prohibited weapon or any other projectile designed to harm, incapacitate or negatively impact a human being will be guilty of a fourth degree crime ; and

Whereas, A fourth degree crime is punishable by up to 18 months imprisonment, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both; therefore

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges New Jersey legislators to pass A1739 to create a fourth degree crime of operating a drone equipped with a weapon; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey; Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor of the State of New Jersey; Craig Coughlin, New Jersey Speaker of the Assembly; Valerie Vanieri Huttle, Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Chairman, Members of the Assembly and sponsors of A1739, Annette Quilano, Daniel Benson, Jay Webber, Nicholas Chiaravalloti; GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by:
Eighth District Contemporaries
Joan Murdock, President
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PROHIBIT HOLDING DUAL OFFICES

- Whereas, A person holding more than one elected or appointed office in municipal, county, state, or federal government is subject to possible conflicts of interest; and
- Whereas, A person holding more than one elected or appointed office may be in a position that will require him/her to prioritize one office over another; therefore
- RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May, 2018, strongly urges New Jersey legislators to pass A186 which prohibits dual government employment and office holding; and
- RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey; Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor of the State of New Jersey; Laura Sanders, Acting Director and Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Law of New Jersey; Robert M. Czech, Chair/CEO of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission; Assemblywoman Amy H. Handlin, Sponsor of Bill A186, GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by,
Legislation/Resolutions Committee
Linda Babeuf, Chairman

STOP ENABLING SEX TRAFFICKERS

- Whereas, For too long, courts around the country have ruled that websites like backpage.com can continue to facilitate illegal sex trafficking online with no repercussions; and
- Whereas, In January 2017, after an 18-month investigation, the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI) issued a stunning report which found that Backpage actively and knowingly facilitated the criminal sex trafficking of vulnerable women and young girls, and covered up evidence of these crimes all to increase its own profits; and
- Whereas, Congress put in place criminal penalties to guard against sex trafficking in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act; and
- Whereas, Court rulings have made it clear that Congress must act to amend the Communication Decency Act to hold those who run sites that facilitate sex trafficking civilly and criminally accountable for their crimes; therefore
- RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges legislators to pass S1693 which would amend the Communications Decency Act to eliminate a provision that shields operators of websites from being liable for content posted by third-party users that facilitates "unlawful sex acts with sex trafficking victims," and to allow state prosecutors — not just federal law enforcement — to take action against individuals and businesses that use websites to violate federal sex trafficking laws; and
- RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America; Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States of America; Senator Robert Portman, Sponsor of S1693; Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader, Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader, Rush Russell, Executor Director, Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; Dan Duffy, President and CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America; GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by,
Legislation/Resolutions Committee
Linda Babeuf, Chairman

STOP TELEMARKETING DECEPTIVE PRACTICES

Whereas, Owners of home, business and cellular phones pay to make and receive calls on their phones; and

Whereas, Telemarketing firms use these telephones to try to sell goods and services to consumers; and

Whereas, Telemarketing firms use methods of calling that prevent consumers from knowing who is calling; and

Whereas, These deceptive practices cause invasions of privacy; therefore

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women' Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women in Convention assembled May, 2018, strongly urges New Jersey Legislators to pass A1954 which requires telemarketers to provide name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person on whose behalf the call is being made, within the first 30 seconds of the call and prohibits any method that shows a telephone number or name not associated with the telemarketing company; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey; Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor of the State of New Jersey; Members of the Assembly and sponsors of A1954, Jon M. Bramnick, Paul D. Moriarity, Daniel R. Benson, and Nancy J. Pinkin; Commissioners of the NJ Board of Public Utilities, Joseph L. Fiordaliso, Mary-Anna Holden, Dianne Solomon, Upendra Chivukula and Richard Mroz, Commissioners of the NJ Board of Public Utilities; GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

Submitted by,
Legislation/Resolutions Committee
Linda Babeuf, Chairman

STRONG FAMILIES ACT OF 2017

Whereas, The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (**MIECHV**) facilitates collaboration and partnership at the federal, state, and community levels to improve the health of at-risk children through evidence-based home visiting programs; and

Whereas, The Federally funded, Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program helps states, territories, and tribal entities to develop and implement evidence-based, voluntary home visiting programs to improve the development, health and well-being of at-risk families with young children; and

Whereas; On Sept.19, 2017 the Senate Finance Committee introduced its own bipartisan bill that would reauthorize MIECHV if enacted. S1829, the Strong Families Act of 2017, would fund MIECHV at its current level of \$400 million per year for Fiscal Years 2018-2022; therefore

RESOLVED, That the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, an organization of approximately 7,000 concerned women, in Convention assembled May 2018, strongly urges the US Senate to pass S1829 which would extend funding of MIECHV; and

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Donald J Trump, President of the United States of America; Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States of America; Sponsor Senator Chuck L. Grassley, Senators and Co-sponsors Robert Menendez, Roy Blunt, Robert P. Casey, Cory Gardner, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sherrod Brown, John Boozman, Debbie Stabenow, Elizabeth Warren, Michael F. Bennet, Jeanne Shaheen, Richard Blumenthal, Tammy Duckworth, Amy Klobuchar, Tammy Baldwin, Bill Nelson, Kamala Harris, Mazie K. Hirono, Claire McCaskill, Christopher A. Coons, Shelley Moore Capito, Gary C. Peters, Cory A Booker, Margaret Wood Hassan, Bill Cassidy, Thomas L. Carper, Deb Fischer; Dan Duffy, President and CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America; Rush L. Russell, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse NJ; Dan Duffy, President and CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America; GFWC Legislation/ Public Policy Chairman and GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

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Linda Babeuf, Chairman