

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

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Be an Important Part of the Federation's History – Write a Resolution!

FROM: Carole Speechley, Legislation/Resolutions Chairman

One of the main goals of the GFWC 2018-2020 Administration is for GFWC members to use legislative action to become a network of grassroots advocates working together to improve the lives of club members, their communities, our nation, and the global community. Our resolutions effect legislation and become part of our proud history – **What we do really does matter.**

At the NJSFWC Convention each year Resolutions are presented to the delegates for their consideration. Many of these resolutions come from our clubs and are presented to the delegates with the club name and the names of the club president and recording secretary. **Think of how proud your club would be to have their resolution presented at Convention! The deadline for submission is December 15th.**

Where to get Legislation Information for Your Resolution:

- To view a specific state bill and its status, search 'NJ legislature' and you will find a link to Bills. Follow the link; in the search line type the bill number, name or subject. Or you will find a telephone number that can be called to obtain the same information.
- To view the status of federal legislation, call 202-225-1772 or 202-224-3121 or online at www.congress.gov or www.statusclerk.house.gov. Another source of information and tracking of a bill's status is www.govtrack.us.

How to Write a Resolution

A Resolution is really a motion and as such is one continuous statement with a period only at the end of the last RESOLVED. It should always have a title, usually the name of the bill or the subject.

The title is followed by the "WHEREAS" statements, which contain the reasons why the legislation or subject is needed. The text of the bill will usually have a statement at the end providing the information needed:

WHEREAS, (first statement of reason legislation is needed); and
WHEREAS, (second statement of reason legislation is needed); and
WHEREAS, (third statement of reason legislation is needed; therefore

The first " RESOLVED" statement gives the action desired and ends with a semicolon and the word "and further". The second " RESOLVED " states who will receive a copy of the Resolution and ends with a period.

RESOLVED, That (name of club), a member of the NJSFWC and GFWC with (number members) concerned women strongly urges the adoption of (bill number/name, or the cause); and further
RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to (names of those receiving resolution).

Resolutions can be sent to the following people:

- State bill/subject - Governor; Lieutenant Governor; President of Senate; Speaker of the House; Senate Majority and Minority Leaders; House Majority and Minority Leaders; Chairman of the Committee to which the bill has been referred; Members of that committee if bill is coming up for a vote; the legislators from your area or district, the legislators who sponsored the bill; the head of any agency involved with the subject matter of the bill; and the GFWC Resolutions Chairman.
- Federal bill/subject - President; President of Senate (this is the Vice President of the US); Speaker of the House; Senate Majority and Minority Leaders; House Majority and Minority Leaders; Chairman of the Committee to which the bill has been referred; Members of that committee if bill is coming up for a vote; the legislators from your area or district, the legislators who sponsored the bill; the head of any agency involved with the subject matter of the bill; and the GFWC Resolutions Chairman.

IMPORTANT! You MUST submit your resolutions, in writing, by DECEMBER 15,2018, for them to be considered for the Annual Convention in May, 2019. Submit them to:

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