

LEGISLATION/RESOLUTIONS PROJECT IDEAS 2026-2028

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Through education, advocacy, and civic participation, we encourage our members to become informed citizens and effective advocates for issues that impact our communities, our state, and our nation.

Every club, regardless of size, can participate. Whether it is discussing a GFWC or NJSFWC Resolution at a meeting, sharing legislative updates in a newsletter, hosting a speaker on current public policy issues or organizing a letter-writing campaign, NJSFWC relies on both NJSFWC and GFWC resolutions as a basis for club and member engagement.

In Your Club:

- Encourage your members to use the NJSFWC and GFWC Resolutions and the GFWC Legislative Action Center by giving a presentation at your club meeting. Each members joining can receive email notifications if action is needed on GFWC's legislative and policy priorities with an easy link to send a message to their representatives. At the Legislative Action Center, members can also review the GFWC's legislative priorities and find GFWC Resolutions.
- Download or purchase the complete set of NJSFWC Active Resolutions from Headquarters. At a club meeting, discuss with members which Active Resolutions are of interest, and schedule a letter writing workshop to voice your support. Educate your members on both the GFWC and NJSFWC by reading one at every meeting.
- On the NJSFWC level, members can review NJSFWC resolutions and find those which are priorities for the Federation and the state. Informed members can then write letters stating they are members of their local club and NJSFWC.
- Appoint an interested and informed club member to serve as Legislation Chairman or establish a club legislative committee to follow action in the State and National Legislatures and in monthly ALMANAC articles. Provide time at club meetings for congressional or issue briefings.
- Create a club 'What's New' clipping service on issues of interest to members. Ask members to clip or copy newspaper or magazine articles for distribution to club members. Provide a notebook or clipboard for these articles to be used by your members.
- Include a short article about a GFWC or NJSFWC Resolution in every club newsletter. Do not just reprint them, talk about what it asks from members and why.
- Give a presentation on the Legislative Priorities for the 2026-2028 Administration
- Download the Letter Writing Kit from Headquarters. Consider providing stamps, writing paper, envelopes and addresses of local, state and national legislators for members to write to their representatives on specific issues. Draft and distribute a sample letter or email for club members to send on a specific issue
- Institute a series of "study circles" for club members to learn about important public policy issues that affect their families and the community. Provide time at a club meeting for the group to report their findings.
- Plan a club program on how bills become laws or how to communicate ideas and opinions to legislators. Use available community resources to conduct a "civics

seminar.” Potential speakers can include teaching staff from a local college, congressional district office staff or other voter advocacy groups.

- Plan early in the club year to submit a Resolution. Select and research a topic of importance to your club. Check to see if there is legislation pending regarding your subject. Remember that a Resolution does not have to be in support of/against a bill. It can urge legislative action regarding your topic.
 1. To write a Resolution, consult the NJSFWC Bylaws governing Resolutions, Article VIII, Section 8.2, N-3 Standing Committees, Legislation/Resolutions Committee.
 2. If you have a topic about which you would like to write a Resolution, have your supporting material, and have read the Bylaws regarding Resolutions. If you do not know where or how to begin, contact the Legislation/Resolutions Chairman before November 1st for assistance.
 3. Proposed Resolutions must be received by the NJSFWC Legislation /Resolutions Chairman no later than December 15th.

In Your Community:

- Bring the legislative process into the schools. Free copies of “The Legislative Process” (How a Bill Becomes Law) and/or free copies of pending legislation are available by calling 609-292-6395. This document is also available online (www.njleg.state.nj.us/legislativepub/legprocess.asp) under “General Information”. Copies of this document are an excellent tool for middle school and high school government/civics classes.
- Identify and network with other groups in your community to form coalitions to support specific public policy issues and legislative initiatives.
- Develop a community public policy directory listing public officials and their staff, government agencies and other civic and advocacy organizations.
- Establish voter information projects or incorporate voter registration tables at other community events. Contact the League of Women Voters New Jersey for Voter Registration Drive Kit to help individuals register citizens by using the following email: contact@lwvnj. Please make sure to give them your county with your request.
- Purchase the “Citizens Guide to Government”, available for \$3.00/copy (includes shipping/handling and sales tax – **see note below**) from the League of Women Voters of NJ, 204 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608; phone 609-394-3303; or online at www.lwvnj.org. Donate a copy or copies annually to the Civics department at your high school, middle school, public library and community college (**NOTE**: This special price is for NJSFWC members only when intended for distribution in schools and libraries. For all other purchases, see their pricing list.)
- Utilize the website www.votesmart.org for non-partisan information on U.S. federal and state candidates, national candidates’ legislative records and public statements on issues (for President, the US Senate and the US Congress) ballot measures, issues and legislation. Includes directory of national and state political resources. Make an appointment for a club delegation to meet with a local, state, or national legislator or his/her representative in the home office to discuss legislative issues of interest, either to your members, or based on NJSFWC Resolutions.

NJSFWC Resources

- NJSFWC Website: NJSFWC.org

- Access information on active resolutions, leadership resources, scholarships, district activities, and Federation programs.

GFWC Legislative Action Center

- [GFWC Legislative Action Center](http://www.gfwc.org/legislative-action) : www.gfwc.org/legislative-action
- Sign up to receive legislative alerts, review GFWC priorities, track issues, and easily contact your elected officials regarding matters supported by GFWC resolutions.

New Jersey Legislature

- [New Jersey Legislature Home Page](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us) www.njleg.state.nj.us
- Research legislation, track bills, identify your legislators, and learn how the legislative process works.
- At Federal level, to review all federal legislation, call 202-224-3121 or www.senate.gov
- To reach a member of the US House of Representatives call 202 225-3121 or online www.house.gov
- For the President of the USA call 202 456-1111 or www.president@whitehouse.gov
- All action on both houses can be found at www.congress.gov
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League of Women Voters of New Jersey

- [League of Women Voters of New Jersey](http://www.lwvnj.org) at www.lwvnj.org Resources for voter registration drives, voter education, government information, and civic engagement.

A Challenge to Clubs

The Legislative Ladder is not about politics—it is about informed citizenship and effective advocacy. Every club can participate. Whether you discuss a resolution at a meeting, host a speaker, register voters, write a letter to a legislator, or simply educate members on issues affecting our communities, each step helps strengthen the collective voice of Federation women.

Use the GFWC 2026-2028 Club Manual: Legislation and Public Policy Program for additional project ideas and resources. Resolutions passed by the membership at GFWC Annual Conventions can also be found on the GFWC website and supported or opposed by NJSFWC clubs.