

APPENDIX E



**GFWC-NC
Resolutions
2022-2024**

The Purpose and Objectives of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of North Carolina, Inc. is to unite member clubs into a statewide charitable organization of volunteers for the promotion of education, community service, fellowship, and leadership development.

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GFWC-NC Resolution “Rules”

As listed in the GFWC-NC Bylaws, these rules govern the process of the Resolutions Committee.

Section 20.17. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members including the GFWC-NC First Vice President, the Dean of Junior Community Service Programs, the Chairman of the Public Policy/Legislative Committee, a chairman and one other member appointed by the president. In the second year of the administration, the President-elect shall become an ex-officio member. Three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

- A. Resolutions must be in the hands of the Committee Chairman by November 15 preceding the annual convention. After approval by the Resolutions Committee the proposed resolutions shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for review and appended to the Call to the Convention.
- B. This committee shall receive and consider resolutions pertinent to the work and objectives of GFWC-NC and shall determine when the purpose of the resolution has been accomplished. It shall consider resolutions suggested by the Executive Committee, a GFWC-NC club in good standing, a GFWC-NC Community Service Program Chairman, and a GFWC-NC Standing or Special Committee Chairman. The Resolutions Committee for timeliness, change of opinion, etc. shall review all resolutions that have been in force for four years.
- C. Emergency Resolutions
 1. Emergency resolutions are those whose subject matter has arisen since the preparation of the last call to convention, or those that are governed by a definite time value and upon which delayed action would be disadvantageous.
 2. Only those eligible to present resolutions may present emergency resolutions.
 3. Emergency resolutions to be presented at the Annual Convention shall be:
 - a. In the hands of the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee by midnight of the first day of the session.
 - b. Approved by the Resolutions Committee and the Executive Committee before presentation.
 - c. Distributed to the voting delegates by the Resolutions Committee no later than 4:00 pm of the day before consideration by the convention body.
 4. Emergency resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors shall be presented to the membership at the following convention for approval.
- D. Within 30 days of adoption, all resolutions that are national or international in nature shall be forwarded by the GFWC-NC Resolution Committee Chairman to the GFWC Resolutions Chairman with copies to the GFWC Legislation/Public Policy Chairman.

Note: In 2020, GFWC Resolutions Committee realigned all resolutions under the 5 new Community Service Programs.

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 have a title, usually the name of the bill if it pertains to a piece of legislation, or the subject if it does not.

The title is followed by a maximum of three “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. Each “WHEREAS” is a separate paragraph ending with a semicolon, and the word "and". The last “WHEREAS” ends with a semicolon and the word "therefore".

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". The second “RESOLVED” statement ends with a period.

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. [endorse, support, urge...]; and further
RESOLVED, That ...

Resolutions can be sent to the following people:

State bill/subject - Governor; Lt. 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.

Any resolution proposed should first be researched to make sure that there is not a resolution already in place by GFWC. Clubs should review not only the GFWC-NC Resolutions, but the GFWC Resolution. In 2017, GFWC-NC rescinded all resolutions that had corresponding GFWC resolutions.

Whenever a member is taking action on an issue that has an adopted resolution, she needs to use the strength in our numbers. Each written or oral statement should include the words “As a member of GFWC-NC.” Just because a GFWC-NC Resolution is rescinded, as there is one at GFWC, does not lessen the need for our members to work on its issue. In fact, it strengthens our words. When there is a GFWC resolution, we can say “As a member of GFWC and GFWC-NC.” These words carry a bigger impact because the number of members involved is larger. Utilize the fact that we are members of an international organization.

List of GFWC-NC Current Resolutions

As of the 2022 GFWC-NC Convention

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GFWC-NC Resolutions

No resolution history available before 1971. As of the 2022 GFWC-NC Convention

Arts and Culture

010-010 Arts Community Service Program (Includes Arts; The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra 1971; includes Very Special Arts, Convention 1987; Reviewed 1977; Reviewed 1981; Reviewed 1985; Reviewed 1989; Reviewed 1993; Revised 1997; Reviewed 1998; Revised 2001; Revised 2004; Reviewed 2009; Reviewed 2013; Amended 2017; Revised 2021)

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc.:

- Recognizes participation in the arts improves confidence, social skills, and learning skills,
- Promotes encouragement of the arts, freedom of expression, and cultural diversity,
- Sponsors the arts through scholarships, projects, and programs,
- Advocates for state government support of artistic presentations, particularly where such opportunities are not available; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to:

- Encourage arts in the broadest sense to be integrated into curricula for all ages,
- Support participation in all levels of the GFWC of North Carolina Arts Festivals; local, district, and state,
- Support participation in all levels of the GFWC Festival of Arts and in local, district, and state Arts Festivals,
- Patronize local, district and state art endeavors including performing arts, musical groups, youth art month and community sculptures,
- Support and contribute to the establishment of museums to ensure the preservation of cultures for the enrichment of present and future generations,
- Advocate for continued allocation of sufficient funds through the National Endowment for the Arts for individual artists and state programs, and further
- Advocate for state appropriations for the NC Symphony, NC Museum of Art, the NC Department of Cultural Resources, and the NC School of the Performing Arts.

Environment

011-070 Land Trust (Convention 1993; Revised 1997; Reviewed 2001; Reviewed 2005; Reviewed 2009; Reviewed 2013; Amended 2017; Reviewed 2021)

WHEREAS, Land trusts:

- are private, nonprofit organizations that, as all or part of its mission, active work to conserve land by undertaking or assisting in land or conservation easement acquisition, or by its stewardship of such land or easements; and
- provide a means of maintaining and preserving plants and animals' natural habitats; and

- have been organized by citizens in many areas of North Carolina, other areas are still not part of a local or regional land trust; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to:

1. Work with and support local land trusts in efforts to preserve natural areas, open and scenic landscapes, greenways, and other lands, or where there is no local land trust, to work with other groups in the area to form one.
2. Support the Conservation Trust for North Carolina in its work with local citizen groups, individual landowners, and local governments to support existing trusts and to aid in forming new ones in those counties that have none.

011-080 Mountains-to-the Sea Trail (Convention 2009; reviewed 2013; Amended 2017; Revised 2021)

WHEREAS, The Mountains-to-Sea Trail is a premier hiking trail that stretches 1175 miles from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks, stopping at many of our state’s most beautiful places along the way; and

WHEREAS, More than 680 miles of footpath are now complete; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has declared The Trail part of the state park system; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to:

1. Contact state and local government and public and private agencies in a campaign to continue construction of the Mountains-to-the Sea Trail.
2. Work toward providing funds to buy land and construct The Trail.
3. Marshal volunteers to build and maintain the Trail.

011-090 The North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences (Formerly North Carolina State Museum of Natural History, Convention 1979; Revised 1991; Reaffirmed 1995; Revised 1996; Reviewed 1999; Reviewed 2003; Revised 2007; Reviewed 2011; Reviewed 2015, Revised 2019)

WHEREAS, The State Museum of Natural Sciences illuminates the natural world and inspires its conservation; and

WHEREAS, its facilities and exhibits require frequent expansion and improvement; and

WHEREAS, It has and is developing programs for school children across the state that integrate science, technology, engineering, and math with natural resource education; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to support and promote the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences and the Friends of the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences.

011-100 North Carolina Zoological Park and North Carolina Aquariums (Formerly North Carolina Zoological Park, Convention 1984; Revised 2000; Reviewed 2004; Reviewed 2008; Reviewed 2012; Reviewed 2016; includes State Zoological Garden 1971; Revised 2020)

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Zoological Park and North Carolina Aquariums illuminate the natural environment and inspire the preservation

of its animal species; and

WHEREAS, These facilities provide important educational destinations for school children, families, and tourists; and

WHEREAS, These facilities and exhibits require frequent updates and improvements; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to support and promote the North Carolina Zoological Park and North Carolina Aquariums.

011-130 Support of the North Carolina State Parks (Convention 1991; Reaffirmed 1995; Reviewed 1999; Reviewed 2003; Reviewed 2011; Reviewed 2015, Reviewed 2019)

WHEREAS, The North Carolina State Parks System is an important natural resource for North Carolina, providing not only protected habitat for plants and animals, but also for recreational opportunities for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, The need for adequate funding for the renovation, operation, and maintenance of the State Parks System facilities has become apparent, with many park facilities in violation of safety codes and deterioration due to the low operating budget; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to study the needs of the North Carolina State Parks System, and to encourage their representatives in the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for the North Carolina State Parks, and to support measures adopted by the General Assembly to improve funding of the State Parks System.

011-140 The Blue Ridge Parkway (Reviewed 2011; Reviewed 2015, Revised 2019)

WHEREAS, It is important to conserve the natural resources of North Carolina and to educate children about the importance of conserving the natural world; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ridge Parkway is a state and national treasure that requires government and non-governmental support to maintain and improve its facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation endeavors to maintain and improve the Parkway, and its Parks as Classrooms program provides conservation education for children; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to support the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and its Parks as Classrooms program; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages its member clubs to support the purchase of Blue Ridge Parkway license plates.

Education and Libraries

012-010 Education for the Academically or Intellectually Gifted (Formerly Education for the Gifted and Talented, Convention 1988; Convention 1993; Revised 1996; Revised 1997; Revised 2001; Revised 2005; Reviewed 2009;

Reviewed 2013, Reviewed 2017; Revised 2021)

WHEREAS, There are academically or intellectually gifted (AIG) students who perform or show the potential to perform at substantially high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environment; and

WHEREAS, These AIG students require differentiated educational services beyond those ordinarily provided by the regular educational program; and

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. believes that the gifted and talented need recognition and rewards; and

WHEREAS, Some gifted students without challenges and appropriate instruction may become bored with school and drop out, and possibly adopt anti-social behavior; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to support and advocate for educational programs to be established or enhanced for all gifted students so that they may realize their full potential; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs, businesses, and industry to provide recognition and tangible rewards for academic achievement.

012-020 History, Civics, and America’s Future (Convention, 1988; Reaffirmed 1992; Revised 1996; Reviewed 2000; Reviewed and represented as NEW 2002; Revised 2003; Reviewed 2004; Reviewed and moved from Public Issues, 2008; Review 2012, Reviewed 2016; Revised 2020)

WHEREAS, All citizens of the United States should understand and appreciate our great American heritage; and

WHEREAS, The study of history not only increases appreciation of the past but also illuminates the present and gives perspective to our hopes for the future; and

WHEREAS, Contemporary studies indicate that both high school and college students are seriously deficient in their knowledge of American history and the place of the United States in world affairs; and

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. is interested in the development of future leaders who understand the history and political structure of our government and its role in world politics; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages all school systems to provide required studies in United States history and civics which emphasize understanding of:

1. Past events that formed the United States of today;
2. The place of the United States in world affairs; and
3. The rights and duties of all citizens; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages the continuing support of the study of the history of North Carolina, including support for the North Carolina Museum of History, by state appropriation.

012-040 Learning Disabilities (Convention 1999; Reviewed 2003; Revised 2011; Reviewed 2015; Includes Advocacy for Rights of Exceptional Children, Convention 1979 and Advocacy for the Rights of Disabled Persons, Reaffirmed

1991; Revised 2019)

WHEREAS, A learning disability is defined as a neurological disorder that may cause difficulty in reading, writing, spelling, reasoning, recalling, and/or organizing information and is a life-long condition; and

WHEREAS, Research reveals that with specifically trained teachers, the right support, and intervention, children with learning disabilities can succeed in school and go on to successful, often distinguished, careers; and

WHEREAS, Adults and employers may be unaware of simple solutions that can assist in enabling a more productive outcome in the workplace; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to:

1. Increase awareness of learning disabilities and related solutions.
2. Support training for educators and professionals who work with and encounter the learning disabled.
3. Advocate for laws and policies that provide support and services for people with learning disabilities.

012-090 Scholarships (Reviewed 1974; Reaffirmed 1978; Reviewed 1986; Reaffirmed 1990; reaffirmed 1994; Revised 1998; Reviewed 2002; Revised 2005; Reviewed 2006; Reviewed 2010; Reviewed 2014, Revised 2018, Revised 2022)

WHEREAS, Individuals with higher levels of education:

- Are more likely than others to be employed with higher earning potential;
- Are actively involved citizens;
- Engage, as parents, in more educational activities with their children, helping them to be better prepared for school; and

WHEREAS, Financial assistance is a necessity for numerous college students, particularly those planning careers that require several years of education beyond the undergraduate level; and

WHEREAS, By removing financial barriers, scholarships make education and career goals easier to obtain; and

WHEREAS, GFWC and GFWC of North Carolina provide scholarship programs, nationally, regionally, and locally; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourage its member clubs to support and promote GFWC and GFWC of North Carolina scholarship programs; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages its member clubs to work for:

- Expansion of scholarship programs by volunteer organizations, businesses and industry;
- Development of public awareness programs promoting available scholarship opportunities; and
- Establishment of scholarship award projects granting educational funds to community members.

012-100 Teacher Appreciation (Convention, 1988; Reaffirmed 1992; Revised 1996; Reviewed 2000; Revised 2004; Reviewed 2008; Reviewed 2012; Reviewed 2016; Revised 2020)

WHEREAS, Teachers and other educational staff often use personal funds to support students and classroom activities; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that teachers and other educational staff are often underpaid and unappreciated; and

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. appreciates and respects the classroom teachers, assistants, and other educational professionals directly involved with student instruction as among the most important factors in a child's education; and

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. strongly believes that the parents and community need to recognize and honor the many dedicated teachers and other educational professionals in the schools; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to annually support, promote, and endorse activities and celebrations, including Teacher Appreciation Week, that recognize teachers and other educational professionals.

Health and Wellness

013-020 Advocates for Children (Convention 2002; Reviewed 2006; Revised 2010; Reviewed 2014, Reviewed 2018, Reviewed 2022)

WHEREAS, GFWC and GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. have always been advocates for children; and

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. believes that all children should have a voice, and that voice should be heard; and

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. has always worked in communities to increase public awareness of the importance of early intervention, prevention, and advocacy on behalf of children; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. supports children and community projects encompassing the following child centered issues:

1. Advocacy
2. Counseling
3. Education
4. Legislation
5. Parenting
6. Safety
7. Self-esteem
8. Violence.

013-080 Adoption (Convention 2017; Includes Children's Home Society Convention 2001; Reviewed 2005; Reviewed 2009; Reviewed 2013, Reviewed 2019)

WHEREAS, Every child has the right to a permanent, safe, and loving family; and

WHEREAS, Promoting the relationship of children and families improves our communities; and

WHEREAS, Regardless of age, medical issues, or developmental difficulties, all children deserve a stable family structure; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the first GFWC-NC Junior Project: Children's Home Society; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to support the right of parents to choose adoption through similar organizations.

013-260 Social Services (Reviewed 1976; Reviewed 1980; Reviewed 1984; Reviewed 1988; Revised 1992; Reviewed 1996; Reviewed 2000; Reviewed 2004; Reviewed 2008; Reviewed 2012, Reviewed 2016; Reviewed 2020)

WHEREAS, The common concerns and goals of the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. and the State Division of Social Services on behalf of the people of North Carolina have led to a continuing working relationship on both state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, Greater knowledge, understanding, and support of the programs of assistance offered by the State Division of Social Services are needed; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. endorses:

1. A vigorous program of public information and education to bring the facts concerning public assistance to the attention of the people in all the counties of the state.
2. A financial program to support statewide social, medical, and protective services as a means of attaining the goals of preventive and remedial help.

Civic Engagement and Outreach

015-010 Public Policy Programs (Formerly Legislative Programs under Education, Reviewed 1972; Revised 2004; Reviewed 2008; Referred back to committee 2012; Reviewed 2013, Reviewed 2017; Reviewed 2021)

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. is a member of NC Women United and the NC Center for Nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Each of the above organizations study and formulate a public policy program for presentations to each session of the General Assembly; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages its member clubs to become involved with public policy programs; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages its member clubs to use the GFWC-NC and GFWC Resolutions as a foundation to formulate and to become involved with public policy programs.

015-150 Honoring Our Veterans (Convention 2012, Revised 2016; Revised 2020)

WHEREAS, North Carolina has one of the greatest number of military bases in the US and numerous military troops are stationed in this state, and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages its member clubs to

- Honor the bravery of our veterans, the memory of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, and the sacrifices of our military troops and their families; and further
- Remember the outstanding courage and commitment to freedom made by our military troops now and throughout the years.

015-160 Alternative Personal Transportation Safety (Convention 2006 merged Bicycle Safety, Reviewed 1974 and Safety Helmets, Convention 2002; Reviewed 2010; Reviewed 2014, Revised 2018, Revised 2022)

WHEREAS, There are transportation alternatives to traditional automobiles that may put users at risk including but not limited to bicycles, golf carts, motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), skates, skateboards, Segways, and hover boards, and;

WHEREAS, Accidents involving these transportation alternatives can result in serious injury including traumatic brain injury, and such accidents sometimes result in fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle (i.e., automobile or truck) with the majority of all accidents the fault of the vehicle driver, not that of the motorcyclist, and vehicle drivers are typically unaware of the challenges motorcyclists face; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to:

1. Promote safety courses for users of these means of transportation.
2. Encourage bicycle riders to be aware of the risk and dangers of riding on public roads where there is no bike lane.
3. Encourage use of safety helmets by children and adults as required by state law.
4. Support legislation requiring safety helmet use by all persons regardless of age who are using transportation including but not limited to bicycles, golf carts, motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), skates, skateboards, scooters, Segways, and hover boards.
5. Encourage pedestrian safety and awareness programs specifically for alternative transportation use on sidewalks where permitted.
6. Encourage motorcycle awareness programs, such as “Look Twice, Save a Life,” and
7. Oppose the repeal of any state law which requires use of safety helmets by motorcyclists, and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges support for the construction of bike lanes and facilities to promote safety on public streets and roads.

015-250 Transportation Museum (Convention 2008; Reviewed 2012, Reviewed 2016; Revised 2020)

WHEREAS, The GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. recognizes the contribution of the North Carolina Transportation Museum to the state; and

WHEREAS, There is a statewide need to promote the history of transportation in our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Transportation Museum benefits from the active support and help of all civic clubs throughout the state; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to support and promote the needs and resources of the North Carolina Transportation Museum.

015-280 Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Convictions (Convention 2017; Revised 2021)

WHEREAS, Federal and most State laws generally prohibit individuals convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors from purchasing, or possessing, firearms or ammunition but North Carolina law, with the exception of concealed handguns, does not; and

WHEREAS, By pleading felony charges down to misdemeanors, assailants can legally purchase and possess guns in North Carolina despite criminal convictions and the risk to anyone in an intimate or domestic relationship; therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to:

- Contact state legislators and request that state laws regarding domestic violence convictions and guns be amended to conform to Federal laws; and further
- Conduct a public awareness campaign to show that closing the gaps in state domestic violence laws will save lives.

015-300 Sex Trafficking in NC Public Schools (Convention 2016; Revised 2020)

WHEREAS, All North Carolina school districts are mandated to provide sex trafficking materials to students during sex education health classes; and

WHEREAS, Training for public school personnel about human trafficking is not mandated nor funded by the State; and

WHEREAS, Parents and other community members will benefit from information about human trafficking and how to recognize the signs; and

WHEREAS, UNICEF, a GFWC Resource, has developed and maintained End Trafficking Project and Toolkit for use by GFWC clubs to raise awareness of child trafficking and mobilize communities to take meaningful action to help protect children; and

WHEREAS, there are additional nongovernmental organizations active in North Carolina with resources and programs to educate the public regarding identifying and helping to protect vulnerable children; therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. urges its member clubs to:

- Work with local entities, such as parent teacher organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and city/county government to assure that North Carolina students receive in-class sex trafficking education;
- Utilize the UNICEF End Trafficking Project and Toolkit with topics on how to recognize when human trafficking is occurring and how to employ protective factors outlined by US Children’s Bureau; and
- Implement actions to keep children less vulnerable and more engaged in healthy, life-giving activities such as those identified by the Search Institute Assets and Sparks and The Stewards of Children Darkness to Light Programs.

015-310 Equal Rights for Women (Convention 2019)

WHEREAS, Except with regard to the right to vote, the United States Constitution does not guarantee women the same legal status and protections guaranteed to men, and will not do so until an amendment for that purpose is

included therein; and

WHEREAS, The operative clause of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) states “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State, on account of sex;” and

WHEREAS, In the absence of the ERA, women’s ability to combat sexual harassment and to achieve parity with men in the areas of healthcare, education, and employment will continue to be impaired; and

WHEREAS, as of 2018, thirty-seven of the required thirty-eight states have ratified the ERA; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. reaffirms its support of the ERA and urges its member clubs to work for the immediate ratification of the ERA in North Carolina.

015-320 International Aid (Convention 1982; Reviewed 1986; Reaffirmed 1990; Revised 1991; Revised 1994; Revised 1998; Reviewed 2002; Revised 2004; Revised 2006; Reviewed 2010; Reviewed 2014, Reviewed 2018, Revised 2019)

WHEREAS, GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. believes that we are all a part of a world community and our interest should extend to all parts of this community; and

WHEREAS, The people of deprived countries need assistance with good nutrition, adequate health facilities, advanced methods of agricultural production, and skills in construction and the field of education; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. supports efforts to meet these needs through international outreach programs

015-340 International Understanding (Convention 1979; Reviewed 1983; Represented as NEW Convention 1987; Reaffirmed 1991; Reaffirmed 1995; Reviewed 1999; Reviewed 2003; Reviewed 2011; Reviewed 2015; Revised 2019)

WHEREAS, The American Immigration Council noted that 1 in 12 North Carolina residents is an immigrant, and 1 in 10 workers in North Carolina is an immigrant; and

WHEREAS, The GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. believes that an understanding of cultural, economic, historic, and religious heritage of the nations of the world is necessary to world peace; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages members to study these issues, the languages, and the role religions play in world events; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC of North Carolina, Inc. encourages member clubs to

- Be aware of cultural biases and participate in intercultural exchanges; and
- Present programs and projects that promote international understanding and peace.

Resolutions Rescinded Conventions 2019-20

ARTS

010-030 Art for Those with Special Needs (2020)

CONSERVATION

011-010 Air Pollution (2020)

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013-010 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (2020)

013-090 Equipment for the Visually and Hearing Impaired (2020)

013-140 Living Wills and Health Care Powers of Attorney (2018)
– matching GFWC Resolution

013-270 Special Olympics (2019)

013-290 Women's Health Care (2020)

013-570 Healthcare and Research adopted at 2017 GFWC Convention (2018)
– matching GFWC Resolution

PUBLIC ISSUES

015-120 GFWC Identity (2019)

015-170 NC Broadband Authority & Utilization (2022)
– matching GFWC Resolution

015-180 North Carolina Law Enforcement Officers (2019)

015-290 School Bus Safety (2020)