GFWC-WS Resolutions

Policies and Rules Relative to Resolutions

POLICIES. Policies of GFWC-Washington State are established by:

a. The Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws

b. Action taken by the convention body

c. Resolutions adopted by convention action.

d. Action of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee as authorized by the Bylaws and ratified at the subsequent Convention

STANDING COMMITTEES — RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

This committee of three members receives, considers and presents to the Executive Board and to the Convention resolutions which are pertinent to the work and objectives of GFWC-Washington State and compiles in effect resolutions adopted by GFWC-Washington State.

Resolutions may be adopted to establish policy or interpret positions on issues or subject matter which are germane to the work of GFWC-Washington State.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions may only be presented by any Club, District, the Board of Directors or Executive Committee, a Community Service Program Chairman or the Resolutions Committee. Proposed resolutions, three typewritten copies, shall be sent to the Resolutions Committee prior to December 10 of each year.

It shall be the duty of the Resolution Committee to consider and present to the convention such resolutions which are pertinent to the work of GFWC-Washington State. The Resolution Committee shall confer prior to February 1.

Resolutions, except emergency resolutions, which are to be presented to the convention shall be published in the Call to Convention.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS:

Emergency resolutions may be presented to the convention with permission of three-fourths of the delegate body.

Emergency resolutions, wherein delayed action would be disadvantageous to the work of GFWC-WS, may be passed by the Executive Board. Such resolutions shall be presented to the following convention for approval.

LIFE OF RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions establishing the general policy of the GFWC-Washington State shall continue active until rescinded by the delegate body. All resolutions which have been in force for four years shall be automatically reviewed by the Resolution Committee for timeliness, change of opinion, etc.

RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS:

Proposals to rescind an active resolution must come from at least two of those persons or groups eligible to present resolutions and such proposals shall follow the usual procedure for consideration of resolutions. Intention to rescind shall be incorporated in the Call to the Convention at which action is to be taken.

MINORITY OPINION:

On all votes or questions of legislative policy which are not unanimous, the fact that there was a minority opinion shall be recorded. A member organization holding a minority opinion and wishing to support its stand further may do so provided it states that its action represents the minority vote of GFWC-Washington State.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Responsibility for carrying out the intent of the resolutions devolves upon the President of GFWC-Washington State, the chairman or chairmen whose work is germane, the chairman of Legislation, and member clubs.

All Resolutions at the Convention at which they are adopted must be included in their entirety (not attached separately) in the body of the Minutes.

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Arts and Culture

101.The Arts Enrich Our Lives
(Adopted 1991, Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, 2007, 2012, 2016, 2021, 2026)

WHEREAS, The arts are an important reflection of our way of life and our heritage crafts give us a look at the way our ancestors lived, and

WHEREAS, The arts enrich our lives through Literature, Drama, Music and Dance, and the arts teach as well as entertain, and

WHEREAS, The arts cross all economic, social and national barriers, and the arts are a way of communicating with young and old throughout the world, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State encourage broader participation in the arts by youth and old, the talented, gifted and those with disabilities, and further

RESOLVED, To increase awareness of the values of Literature, Drama, Music and Dance. Federation members should be encouraged to work to expand the opportunities for all segments of the community to become involved with the arts.

102. "Coins for Art Fund"
(Adopted 1974, Amended 1981, Amended and Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, 2012, 2016, Amended 2007, Reaffirmed 2021, 2026)

WHEREAS, GFWC - Washington State through The Arts and Culture Community Service Program offers encouragement and unique opportunities for members and youth to develop their abilities, talents and self confidence, and

WHEREAS, Prizes and awards given by The Arts and Culture Service Program of GFWC - Washington State represents acknowledgment and recognition for accomplishment, and

WHEREAS, Prizes and awards for art recognition are funded from contributions to the Art Fund within the General Fund of GFWC-Washington State, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State member clubs promote and increase their volunteer support of the contributions for “Coins For Art Fund” for the continued advancement of Art in the State of Washington.

Civic Engagement and Outreach

201. Abolishment of Pornography
(Adopted 2015)

WHEREAS, pornography is known to be addictive and progressive and has been associated with damaged marriages, violence against women, and the exploitation of children; and

WHEREAS, pornographic materials are so readily available, especially on the Internet; therefore

RESOLVED, that the GFWC-Washington State urges its members clubs to use every available legal means to combat pornography by:

- Educating its members, teenagers, parents, and the public about the current pornography laws and the problems of easy access to pornographic materials in all forms of media and communications and its destructive effects on society;
- Encouraging cooperation of law enforcers and communication technology providers to combat the electronic distribution and possession of child pornography;
- Supporting the strict enforcement of existing laws, especially those dealing with children, and the creation of new laws where needed.

202. Adequate Criminal Facilities
(Adopted 1982, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, The judiciary has mandated "humane" treatment of prisoners, resulting in the opening of the prison doors to eliminate "inhumane" crowding; and

WHEREAS, The mandate of "humane" treatment of criminals has resulted in the "open-door" prison sentence, releasing repetitive criminals dangerous to society; and

WHEREAS, There is an undercurrent of reluctance to build facilities sufficient to maintain criminals even though the crimes committed are become more heinous daily; therefore

RESOLVED, That a more practical approach to sentencing criminals be practiced and larger facilities for holding criminals dangerous to property and person be built, thus eliminating much of the expense of litigation for repeated prosecution of the same individual committing repeated crimes while on parole or as an escapee from work-release programs.

203. Animal Eye Tests
(Adopted 1989, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, some of our cosmetics, household goods and personal care purchases are the product of severe animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, manufacturers of household commodities commonly use two tests that are highly abusive of animals, the Lethal Dose 50 (LD 50) test and Draize eye irritancy test; and

WHEREAS, by testing the substances on large numbers of animals, the "researchers" find the dosage that will kill or harm 50 percent of the animals in the test; and

WHEREAS, many scientists are now advocating the use of non-animal tests that are far more accurate than the Draize or LD 50 tests; and

WHEREAS, the Humane Society and People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) have identified companies who use unnecessary tests; now therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State urges consumer product companies to develop non-animal alternatives to the LD 50 and Draize tests or contribute funds to those who are developing or documenting alternatives.

204. Community Program to Deter Child Molestation
(Adopted 1976, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, It is not always possible to have twenty-four hour supervision of children due to many causes plus the added problems of negligent parents or other situations of which children have no control, thus creating an atmosphere where children are frequent prey of child molesters; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State promotes an educational program to alert parents and children of the dangers of child molestation and to establish a

community action program for the protection of children and make information about sex offenders more readily available to the public.

205. Crime Prevention Associations
(Adopted 1972, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2007, 2014, Amended 2024)

WHEREAS, Crime in the United States continues to be a serious problem; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of every community have a responsibility to assist their local law enforcement agencies in a program of crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, Cooperation between those serving the public welfare and those whom they serve will create an atmosphere in which all are working together to solve the problems of crime which now exist; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges member clubs to work in cooperation with other groups and organizations to establish Crime Prevention Associations where none now exist; and further

RESOLVED, That the members of GFWC-Washington State show their civic responsibility by supporting and joining established Crime Prevention Associations.

206. Criminal Act Under the Influence of Drugs or Alcohol
(Adopted 1981, Reaffirmed 1984, 1994, 1998, 2007, Amended 2014)

WHEREAS, The use of mind-altering drugs and alcohol is becoming more prevalent every day; and

WHEREAS, Many crimes are committed or accidents happen because of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol; therefore

RESOLVED, That any person or persons committing crimes or accidents while under the influence of any drug or alcohol should be held legally and totally responsible for their actions and prosecuted in strict accordance with the law.

207. Desecration of the Flag of the United States of America
(Reviewed 2014; Reviewed 2018)

WHEREAS, The American flag is a rallying point for Americans and stands for patriotism and love of country; and

WHEREAS, For generations Americans have dedicated and given their lives to preserve the freedoms represented by the flag; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its U.S.A. member clubs to learn and practice proper flag etiquette; and

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its U.S.A. member clubs to promote and endorse the flying of our flag in a correct and respectful manner in their communities every day; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs expresses its strongest objections to the improper burning of and to any manner of desecration of the American Flag.

208. Disposal of Hazardous Waste
(Adopted 1987, Reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges the Congress of the United States to require government and industry to research safe measures for disposal of hazardous waste.

209. Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention
(2015)

WHEREAS, domestic violence, which includes but is not limited to physical, emotional, mental and sexual abuse, continues to increase within our society cutting across rage, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, age educational and socioeconomic lines and can cause emotional distress, physical injury, and death to children and adults and

WHEREAS, Many victims are forced to remain in dangerous situations because they are deliberately placed into financial dependence by their abuser; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence also includes dating violence, which is defined as the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a dating relationship; and

WHEREAS, Lack of dating experience subjects teens to situations where they are less likely to recognize signs and/or symptoms of abuse; and

WHEREAS, Young people who witness violence, or are directly victimized by it, endure various emotional ramifications, and are at an increased risk of perpetuating violence in their own relationships; and

WHEREAS, Many state laws and legal remedies only deal with certain areas of abuse and may be applied inconsistently, and there continues to be a need for emergency shelters and counseling services for victims of abuse; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to support legislation and actively promote programs that:

- Identify at-risk families and suspected cases of child, spousal, partner, and elder abuse;
- Increase awareness of the risks of financial dependence and provide necessary resources to become financially self-sufficient;
- Provide emergency aid and shelter for those who are forced to leave violent family settings;
- Provide treatment, support, legal aid, and advocacy for victims and rehabilitation for perpetrators of abuse;
- Provide public awareness and education programs concerning prevention of abuse; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to advocate for dating violence prevention programs in middle and high schools to increase awareness and promote healthy relationships; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges Congress to fully fund legislation that supports all victims of domestic violence without discrimination; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to enlist the help of hospitals, doctors, clinics, educators, schools, lawyers, law enforcement, churches, counseling services, social service agencies, domestic violence shelters and programs, and clinics in a united effort for prevention of abuse and treatment of abused persons.

210. Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Mind Altering Substances
(Adopted 1983, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, it has been proven that the majority of serious automobile accidents involve drivers under the influence of alcohol, and/or mind altering substances, and

WHEREAS, accidents cause needless and tragic loss of life, permanent injury and property loss; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urge strict enforcement of the existing laws; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State supports stringent penalties where existing laws are too lenient regarding the driver who has been drinking alcohol and/or using mind altering substances.

211. Economic Disarmament
(Adopted 1987 (Reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Amended 2007,Reaffirmed 2014)

WHEREAS, Following World War II the United States of American possessed 60 percent of the world manufacturing capacity; and

WHEREAS, The people of America are every day becoming more aware of the transferring of manufacturing jobs to Third World and Communist countries; and

WHEREAS, Crippling trade agreements under the United Nations General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) along with increased corporate taxation and escalated labor costs, have resulted in floods of imports, wiping out large segments of industry, such as clothing, textiles, and steel manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Governmental actions designed to upgrade the income of other countries at U.S. taxpayers' expense are being promoted by international bankers, multinational corporations and U.N. policies, e.g., the 1975 U.N.

Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) recommendation that 25 percent of the world's industrial production should be transferred to Third World countries by the year 2000; therefore

RESOLVED, That the members of GFWC-Washington State, as individuals, appeal to Congress for legislation that would stop the exodus of industry — and to make it profitable for corporations to remain in the United States.

212. Enforcement of Cigarette and Marijuana Laws
(Adopted 1909, 1912, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2007, Rescinded and replaced 2015, amended 2024)

WHEREAS, Washington State law prohibits the sale or use of cigarettes and other vapor products to minors, under the age of twenty-one and

WHEREAS, Washington State law prohibits the sale of recreational and medical marijuana to persons under the age of twenty-one, and

WHEREAS, the sale of cigarettes, vapor and marijuana products to persons under the legal age as stated in the laws of Washington State carries stiff penalties and fines, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State members encourage strict enforcement of the laws covering the sale of cigarettes, vapor products and marijuana to underage persons within their respective communities for the health and well-being of the youth of our state.

213. Flag Code
(Adopted 1979, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, There has been much controversy over the proper placement of the Flag of the United States when it is displayed in a meeting room or a church; and

WHEREAS, The latest Flag Laws and Regulations defined according to Title 4, United States Code, Chapter 1, Section 1 and Section 2 and Executive Order 108834, states: "When displaying from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the Flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience."; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State follows the latest flag code in their meetings assembled and in convention; and further

RESOLVED, That club members urge the proper placement of the Flag of the United States in meetings of other organizations with which they are affiliated.

214. Human Trafficking
(Adopted 2016, amended 2024)

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of State:

- Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery, involving victims who are typically forced, defrauded or coerced into sexual and/or labor exploitations; and
- Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal activities globally, and
- 24.9 million people are victims of forced labor. Of this number, 4.8 million people are trafficked for forced sexual exploitation; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to:

- Educate members and the public about the serious problem of human trafficking;
- Advocate for prosecution of exploiters;
- Strongly support enforcement of existing laws and the creation of new laws where needed
- Advocate for support and protection of victims; and

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State supports law enforcement coordination between countries in the arrest and prosecution of the exploiters to bring an end to human trafficking.

215. Immigration
(Adopted 1980, Amended and Reaffirmed 1993, *2012,* Revised 2000, Amended 2008, Substituted 2016)

WHEREAS, The number of illegal immigrants living in the United States of America increases every year at alarming rates; and

WHEREAS, Effective enforcement of immigration laws is needed to control national security, economic, health, and social problems created by unchecked immigration; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Washington State urges its member clubs to support strict enforcement of existing immigration laws and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State support the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) pertaining to the testing of immigrants for health related conditions deemed inadmissible.

216. Importation of Weapons
(Adopted 1927, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2007. Amended 2014)

WHEREAS, By reason of its exclusive control in interstate commerce, the federal government can prevent the state importation of deadly weapons as they have prevented interstate prize fight films and other commodities; and

WHEREAS, Stricter supervision in the matter of the sales, shipment, and importation of revolvers, machine guns, automatic rifles, and other deadly weapons will materially aid in the suppression of crime; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State pledges to support legislation regulating the importation of deadly weapons into the State of Washington.

217. Improved Administration of Justice Studies
(Adopted 1973, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, It is important to the citizens of the State of Washington that the administration of Justice be fair, humane, and efficient; and

WHEREAS, Any changes designed to improve the Judicial System of the State of Washington should be studied and explored; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of every citizen to join in action to improve government; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to engage in a study of programs advocated to improve the administration of Justice in the State of Washington and join with other groups in making such a study.

218. Labor Program for the Penitentiary
(Adopted 1912, 1925, 1928, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007,Amended 2014)

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State reaffirms its support of all efforts directed to establish a labor program in our penal institutions.

219. Law Enforcement
(Adopted 1925, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, Many communities are struggling to provide adequate law enforcement due to budget cuts which curtail hiring and keeping personnel; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State member clubs make special efforts to raise the standards of law enforcement in their respective localities.

220. Mentally Disturbed Individuals
(Adopted 1985, Reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, The recent reversal in the care for mentally disturbed individuals has resulted in producing homeless, uncared-for persons who live on the streets, incapable of maintaining standards of personal health and community well being; therefore

RESOLVED, That the present system of releasing mentally disturbed persons into the community with no organized treatment and care be re-evaluated and new regulations concerning the safety of these persons and the public be established.

221. National Elections
(Adopted 1981, Reaffirmed 1988, 1994 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, In a national election, the announcement of the election returns in some states before the polls are closed in other states may have an effect on voters; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation providing simultaneous closing of the polls or counting of votes in all national elections, regardless of time zones.

222. Our Nation's Capitol
(Adopted 1992, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, Our Founding Fathers set up the District of Columbia to be an independent center for our federal government under the control of Congress and the President of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, The Constitution clearly states, "The Congress shall have power to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever over such District (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, be cession of the particular States, and the exception of Congress, become the seat of the Government of the United States," and

WHEREAS, Washington District of Columbia, the nation's capitol, is not eligible for statehood as stated in the Constitution, being solely controlled and governed by the United States Government, powers resting solely in the Congress and the President of the United States, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC- Washington State and its members as individuals, express opposition to any and all efforts to change the status of our nation's capitol, Washington, District of Columbia.

223. Pleading Insanity
(Adopted 1984, Amended 1985, Amended 1986, Reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, More and more criminals plead insanity as justification for committing crimes; and

WHEREAS, The insanity plea is an easy method of avoiding responsibility for criminal actions and the Court should first determine whether the suspect committed the crime; and

WHEREAS, Many crimes are committed and the criminal is relieved of serving the sentence that is customarily imposed due to the constant use of the "insanity

plea" which permits the criminal to be free after being found "cured or rehabilitated" of his/her insanity; therefore

RESOLVED, That the members of GFWC-Washington State work for legislation that in the case of violent crime, the criminal after correction of this condition, should be sentenced with the full sentence to be served following any treatment for the correction of this condition.

224. Prohibiting the Exploitation of Great Apes
(Adopted 2012)

WHEREAS: Great apes are highly intelligent and social animals and research laboratory environments involving research and training for the entertainment industry cannot meet their complex social and psychological needs; and

WHEREAS: The majority of research and testing is conducted in environments that do not con-sider the needs of the great apes; and

WHEREAS: Nine countries, as well as the European Union, already forbid or restrict invasive research on great apes;

WHEREAS: Many new techniques are less expensive, faster and more effective; and

WHEREAS; There are many sanctuaries in the United States that house and support great apes in a caring manner; and

WHEREAS: GFWC-Washington State believes there is a moral responsibility for the long-term care of great apes used in scientific research and by the entertainment industry; therefore

RESOLVED. That the members of GFWC-Washington State support sanctuaries that house and care for the great apes formerly used in scientific research and the entertainment industry in a manner consistent with high standards of lifetime quality care, social enrichment and cognitive development.

225. Sentencing Reform Act of 1981 and Early Release (Parole) from Prison
(Adopted 1987, Reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, Rescinded and replaced 2016)

WHEREAS, the Sentencing Reform Act of 1981 removed standard parole criteria for incarcerated persons in Washington State, and

WHEREAS, prisoners are now released prior to completion of their full sentence as administered by the courts through Earned Release Time with good behavior and good performance while incarcerated, or various other early release criteria (medical, low risk to community, physical incapacitation, or as a cost savings to the state0, and

WHEREAS, Many violent crimes are often committed by the paroled criminals who are not properly supervised upon release; and

WHEREAS, the laws for recommitment for repeat offenders are not always equally applied or stringent enough to require full completion of the original sentence; therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State member clubs encourage legislative action to increase budgets for Safety and Human Services to provide more parole supervision, additional jails/prisons, and additional law enforcement personnel, and further

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State member clubs become informed about the early release criteria and encourage stricter laws to keep repeat offenders off the streets, out of our communities and accountable for their actions.

226. Sexual Assault
(Adopted 2015)

WHEREAS, the establishment and/or support of programs including law enforcement personnel training, victim counseling, and court monitoring in sexual assault offenses is needed in all communities; and

WHEREAS, victims of sexual assault may require specialized medical treatment and counseling services; therefore

RESOLVED, that the GFWC-Washington State supports the establishment and/or strengthening of a comprehensive sexual assault reporting and conviction program; and

RESOLVED, that the GFWC-Washington State supports legislation which will:

- Guarantee the right of confidentiality to the assault victim regarding all reports and conversations with investigators and counselors;
- Support the enforcement of existing laws and criminal penalties dealing with sexual assault;
- Establish new laws where needed;
- Abolish the marital rape exemption from the prosecution laws;
- Provide funding for the training of law enforcement personnel and medical providers in handling sexual assault cases; and further

RESOLVED, that the GFWC-Washington State strongly supports funding for crisis centers and medical treatment for sexual assault victims; and further

RESOLVED, that the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to establish and /or support community awareness programs for sexual assault victims to seek counseling and support; and further

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to establish and/or support community public education campaigns to alleviate the stigma affecting assault victims.

227. Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children
(Adopted 1932, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, Rescinded and replaced 2016)

WHEREAS, Sexual exploitation, which includes but is not limited to: pornography, solicitation, prostitution, and sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, women and children are not capable of protecting themselves from sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the underlying causes of sexual exploitation of children include poverty, greed, family dysfunction, and the drug trade; and

WHEREAS, sexually exploited women and children can suffer lifelong sexual, physical and emotional damage; and

WHEREAS, victims of sexual exploitation are at high risk of unwanted pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and other sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, education is vital to preventing sexual exploitation of children by empowering them with ways to protect themselves and avoid high risk situations; therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State member clubs shall encourage and support educational and awareness programs designed for women and children to increase their understanding of sexual exploitation and encourage communication of any problem with responsible adults; and

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State member clubs supports programs for counseling and medical services for children and adult survivors who are victims of sexual exploitation; and

RESOLVED, that the GFWC Washington State member clubs strongly supports enforcing existing laws and developing new legislation concerning the sexual exploitation of women and children; and further

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State urges the adoption of laws that support aggressive prosecution, stringent pre-trial supervision and strict sentences for convicted individuals.

228. Sex Offenders
(Adopted 1976, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, 2007. 2014, Rescinded and replaced 2016)

WHEREAS, there is an alarming number of sex offenses and our state and communities lack adequate laws, personnel, and facilities to cope with the dangerous situation; and

WHEREAS, technology provides opportunities for sexual predators to target victims; and

WHEREAS, the crime's impact upon the victim is not always taken into consideration by the criminal justice system; therefore

RESOLVED, that the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to promote educational campaigns about sexual crimes, sex offenders, and their impact on the victims and their families; and further

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State urges:

- The enactment of statutes providing for minimum mandatory incarceration;

- The severity of the crime and its impact to the victim and the family be brought to the attention of the court before plea bargains are accepted and sentences are imposed;

- Strengthened requirements for medical and psychiatric treatment for both adult and youthful offenders;

- An in-depth review of the crime be considered prior to granting release (parole) to sex offenders;

- That the victims and or families be notified prior to a parole hearing and before release of sex offenders;

- Public access to sex offender release and a registration information, including the nature and date of the offense; and further

RESOLVED, that the GFWC-Washington State supports enactment of legislation requiring defendants convicted of a sexual offense against children, be prohibited for life from participating in any occupation or volunteer activity involving children, and further

RESOLVED, the GFWC-Washington State supports legislation which imposes penalties for crimes of sexual nature committed using technology to create or distribute child pornography or solicit; and further

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State supports legislation requiring mandatory life registration, and the “Two Strikes” and sexually violent predator laws, which require indefinite commitment of persons committing these offenses.

229. State Constitutional Convention
(Adopted 1968, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, It is constitutional under certain circumstances to call a convention to revise or amend our State Constitution (Article XXIII); and

WHEREAS, It has been proposed that a Constitutional Convention be held in the State of Washington for the purpose of revising or amending our State Constitution; and

WHEREAS, It is the Voters in the State of Washington who must decide at the polls the calling of a Constitutional Convention; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to include in their programs studies of the advisability of amending our Constitution by the Convention method as opposed to the normal method of directly referring particular proposed amendments to popular vote.

230. State Institutions
(Adopted 1905, 1906, 1907, 1968, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998 Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, The program of the General Federation of Women's Clubs supports state and local institutional programs of prevention, treatment, control, correction, and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, It is the aim of the legislation program of GFWC - Washington State to extend to citizens at the local level a better understanding of legislative procedures and the needs of the departments serving the people; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State encourages districts and clubs to cooperate with other agencies and organizations to initiate and promote community participation in our state institutions' programs.

231. Substance Abuse
(Adopted 2024)

WHEREAS, Addition to drugs, narcotics and other substances is a great menace to the health, sanity and moral status of the people of this country; and

WHEREAS, Substance abuse constitutes a serious menace to the public health and safety of all citizens and contributes to criminal behavior; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State member clubs work in cooperation with other organizations and associations to promote programs to educate students and community members concerning the dangers of substance abuse; and

RESOLVED, That GFWC - Washington State member clubs urge stronger laws and their enforcement designed to eliminate the sale, distribution and use of drugs and other substances for non-medical purposes; and

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State encourages the establishment of programs for the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abusers and for the safe-guarding of those proved incurable.

232. Taxes
(Adopted 1968, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, Annual taxes, with other sources of revenue, are necessary in our state government to defray the expenses of state government with the services it provides; and

WHEREAS, There are some who feel that the present state tax structure is unfair and inadequate; and

WHEREAS, A broader tax base in the State of Washington to include a state income tax has been suggested; and

WHEREAS, A Constitutional Amendment approved by the voters is necessary to include an income tax in our state structure; and

WHEREAS, There are some who feel the present tax revenues in the State of Washington are adequate to cover the necessary needs of our state government; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to promote the study of the Washington State Tax Structure so that club members may better be enabled to discuss intelligently tax proposals and be prepared to take appropriate action on any tax proposals requiring voter or legislative action.

233. Television Programs for Youth
(Adopted 1956, 1974, Reaffirmed 1986, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, Printed matter, movies, radio and television are powerful media for transmitting to masses of people, particularly youth, new ideas, cultural values and social attitudes; and

WHEREAS, Children's minds are the greatest asset a nation has; and

WHEREAS, There is grave concern by physicians and others that our children's mental and physical well being are seriously affected by the continuous viewing of questionable television programming including advertisements of questionable products; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State goes on record as deploring the continuing inferior and questionable programs harmful to the physical and mental well being of youth; and further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Television Networks, to the Newspapers and to the TV program sponsors.

234. Traffic Safety Law Enforcement
(Adopted 1952, 1954, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, The automobile is an ever present way of life of every person in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The number of automobiles using the highway system continues to increase to the point that there is a dangerous condition present; and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington's efforts to make our highways reasonably safe for both pedestrian and automobile traffic, through using to the fullest extent all of the State enforcement facilities available, still finds that the number and frequency of automobile and highway accidents continues; and recognizing the fact that the benefits of such an enforcement program have a tendency to fade away as a result of public apathy which grows out of the apparent weaknesses of our traffic court system and of the laws providing punishment for such violation; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State supports stricter traffic safety legislation assuring certain and definite punishment for chronic violators of good traffic laws; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State works with other groups to seek the fullest cooperation by local and county law enforcement agencies with the state's traffic laws.

235. Undivided Loyalty
(Adopted 1939, Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, 2008, *2012,* 2016)

WHEREAS, We believe that undivided loyalty of our citizens to the United States is essential at all times, and especially so in the state of world unrest; and

WHEREAS, In any clash of interests among nations the interest of the United States should be paramount to all our citizens, whatever the country of their origin; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State goes on record as condemning the attempt of any group of our citizens to influence Congress in favor of what they term the legitimate interests of their native country regarding measures affecting both countries, such as embargo legislation and groups on racial pressures.

236. Unsafe Buildings
(Adopted 1972, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, Fire has caused an increasing number of deaths among people housed in unsafe old hotels and apartment buildings utilized as multiple-housing units principally as retirement homes for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Inadequate fire codes exist in many cities and most rural areas, and in some instances enforcement is ineffective or non-existent; and

WHEREAS, State laws now require strict safety and building codes in the field of convalescent and nursing homes with strict enforcement; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges the enactment and enforcement of safety and building codes by cities and towns, and by the state in rural areas relating to multiple-occupancy buildings occupied as retirement homes to insure:

1. Fireproof buildings which are safe from fire for the occupants thereof;
2. Adequate exits and safety equipment to insure a quick exodus for type of occupancy and to meet emergencies of fire;
3. Strict inspection to insure safety precautions; and
4. Generally uniform standards to be included in city ordinances covering urban areas and state legislation covering rural areas.

237. War and Peace
(Adopted 1912, Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, 2008, *2012,* 2016)

WHEREAS, War is acknowledged to be one of the greatest evils of civilization, and its abolishment a vital question before the world today;

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State stands for world peace; for the limitation of armaments; a judicial court of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes and questions of national honor and all vital interests.

238. Washington State Penal Reform
(Adopted 1973, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, The need for penal reform is recognized in order to help rehabilitate those who are confined in correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, Those persons who commit crimes against society should be punished according to the seriousness of their crimes and a program should be initiated for their rehabilitation to the end that they may be returned to society to take their places as law abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, The value of rehabilitation in the State of Washington requiring the imprisoned resident to help himself is recognized; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its club members to support programs with the purpose of rehabilitating persons not deemed habitual criminals.

239. World Court — Court of International Justice
(Adopted 1924, 1925, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1936, Amended 1994, Reaffirmed 2000, 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women's Clubs has repeatedly endorsed the adherence of the United States to the permanent Court of International Justice; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State reiterates its endorsement of the adherence of the United States to the International Court of Justice.

240. Youth Employment
(Adopted 1978, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2007, 2014)

WHEREAS, A rising minimum wage and related employee expenses, including Social Security Tax, makes employment of inexperienced youth economically infeasible; and

WHEREAS, An alarmingly high percentage of youth dropout before completing their education — high school or vocational; and

WHEREAS, National figures show that unemployment of those in the labor market is much greater than in any other age group; and

WHEREAS, Unemployment and lack of education have been listed by the House Subcommittee on Education investigating juvenile delinquency as a large contributing factor to juvenile delinquency; and

WHEREAS, Juvenile delinquency throughout the United States has been steadily increasing; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State:

1. Urges the Congress of the United States to enact Federal legislation permitting part-time employment of inexperienced youth at less than the minimum wage;

2. Gives strong support to stay-in-school programs, emphasizing proper guidance and counseling programs, utilizing if necessary, skilled artisan aids to assist certified teachers in conducting courses in the manual arts;

3. Requests federal and state governments to promote a conservation and development program of our public domain affording work opportunities for our youth without encroaching on the adult labor market;

4. Petitions labor and management to expand the apprenticeship system in order to furnish in-service or on-the-job training for young people, including those who drop out of school before finishing their high school education;

5. Urges employment services to provide a program of local listing of work opportunities for young people and especially during vacation periods; and

6. Encourages local clubs to take the lead in organizing and promoting work opportunity programs for youth in their communities and states.

Education and Libraries

301. Alcoholism Research
(Adopted 1950, 1986, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2008, 2012, 2015)

WHEREAS, The problem of alcoholism is being recognized as a serious menace, physically and mentally; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges the allocation by the Legislature of a definite amount of the percentage of the liquor tax be used for research in alcoholism, and for educational and treatment programs.

302. Bilingual Education
(Adopted 1986; Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2012)

WHEREAS, Bilingual education has become an integral part of the educational system in the United States, promoted by ethnic blocs rejecting assimilation into the mainstream of American culture ; and

WHEREAS, Bilingual education tends to enlarge the gap rather than build a bridge to help immigrant children to integrate into the American culture and life stream; therefore

RESOLVED, The members of GFWC-Washington State work to:

1. 1. Promote adoption of a U.S. Constitutional amendment to establish English as the official language of the U.S.,
2. Repeal laws mandating multilingual ballots and voting materials,
3. Restrict government funding for bilingual education to short term transitional programs only, and
4. Control immigration so that it does not reinforce trends toward language segregation.

303. Comprehensive Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Training Courses in High School
(Adopted 1981, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2008, 2015; Revised 2012,)

WHEREAS, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation is a basic life saving technique and its use has resulted in the saving of many lives throughout our country; and

WHEREAS, The American Heat Association, the Red Cross, local organizations, and first aid units have made teacher training programs in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation available in many locations; and

WHEREAS, The American Heart Association and the National Academy of Sciences have for some time been promoting Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation training programs in the schools beginning in the eighth grade; therefore

WHEREAS Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation methods have been revised, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges the state legislature to enact legislation that would require school districts to:

1. Include, in the high school curriculum, instruction in appropriate courses to provide full and adequate training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation;

2. Make it a requirement that all students complete a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation course in high school exempting handicapped students or those whose parents object because of religious belief; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC - Washington State urges the State Department of Education to consult the Department of Health to develop such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation classes in our high schools.

304. Compulsory Hot Lunch Program in Schools
(Adopted 1922, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2012, 2015, Amended 2008)

WHEREAS, Government statistics show an alarmingly high percentage of undernourishment among the children of school age; and

WHEREAS, Breakfast provides children with the energy to think and act efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown the school-provided meal programs are one of the most effective aids in overcoming undernourishment among the children of school age; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State goes on record continuing support of legislation requiring school districts to provide breakfast and lunch for low income children.

305. Financial Support for Our Schools
(Adopted 1954, 1958, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2008, 2012, 2015)

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State believes it is necessary to safeguard our common heritage of free education by:

1. Continuing the training of teachers

2. Endorsing the idea that salaries of teachers should be commensurate with the average standard of living; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State supports legislation that will guarantee adequate financial support for the Public School Program.

306. Free Enterprise
(Adopted 1989, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, recent disclosures indicate education in the fundamentals of money management, financial responsibility, and the principles of free enterprise have proven inadequate; and

WHEREAS, realistic information regarding the American private enterprise system is not sufficiently imparted to the younger generation; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the members of GFWC-Washington State support and promote teaching in the public schools the principles of free enterprise and financial responsibility.

307. History, Artifacts, Museums and Historical Associations
(Adopted 1899, Renamed 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2008, *2012,* 2015, Revised 2021)

WHEREAS, History if an important learning tool for future generations, and

WHEREAS, There is a growing need for suitable collections, housing and display of fast disappearing historical artifacts including Indian and Pioneer relics and objects of art - paintings and sculpture, and

WHEREAS, Historical collections are a distinct cultural addition to any community, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State promotes the collection and preservation of the history and artifacts of Washington State, and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State alert themselves of the needs of museums and Historical Associations aiding them with moral support and financial assistance, and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State promotes the organizing of historical and museum associations in counties in which they do not exist.

308. History and Geography Emphasis
(Adopted 1985, Reaffirmed 1988, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, History and Geography are not emphasized enough in the elementary, middle and secondary schools; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges the Washington State Department of Education to emphasize geography and history in elementary, middle and secondary schools.

309. Improving Education
(Adopted 1984, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, Amended 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, Scholastic accomplishments have been diminishing alarmingly in the past 25 years; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State encourages our local school districts to enact procedures to accomplish the goals of better education through reinstating school room discipline and concentration on the learning processes.

310. Inclusion of Cursive Writing Curriculum in Schools
(Adopted 2016)

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Common Core Education Standards across the nation which does not address the call for cursive instruction in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Because cursive instruction is not addressed within the Common Core Standards, school districts in at least 41 states have chosen to remove the requirement to teach cursive from their curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is one of the states no longer requiring cursive writing to be taught, and

WHEREAS, with the onset of technology it is thought cursive is outdated and typing is the present-day method of communication used by most people, the teaching of cursive has been replaced with required computer keyboard instruction; and

WHEREAS, Experts say handwriting helps small children develop hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and other brain, and memory functions; and

WHEREAS, There are cases on record where young people cannot read documents that are written in cursive because they don't have the ability to understand the written word in cursive; and

WHEREAS, Private schools are still teaching cursive to their students; and

WHEREAS, That the public schools in Washington State should offer the same writing instruction as is offered in private schools; therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State member clubs encourages the Washington State Department of Education to require cursive writing be added to all public school curriculum with the state; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Washington State member clubs support legislation and encourage passage of any bill requiring cursive be taught in schools. 310. Kindergarten

(Adopted 1948, Revised 1994, 1998, 2002, Reaffirmed 2008, *2012,* 2015)

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State reaffirms its long standing support of an effective program of Public Kindergarten and Licensed Preschools.

311. Libraries
(Adopted 1924, 1929, 1936, 1943, 1958 Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, *2012,* 2015, Revised 2002)

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State recognizes the major role that our public libraries are performing in the creation of informed public opinion and in all educational fields in the state; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Library which has given excellent service under adverse and trying circumstances since its establishment as a territorial library in 1853; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Library began, in 1957, a program of library development in rural and urban areas of the State;

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State has always fostered and promoted library development in this State; therefore

RESOLVED, GFWC-Washington State members lend their active and energetic support wherever possible, in further promoting library service wherever libraries are lacking.

312. Literacy
(Adopted 1918, 1923, 1959, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women's Clubs and GFWC-Washington State have recognized the problem of adult illiteracy in the United States and in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The state recognizes the need for a State Literacy Program that can be successfully conducted by the Federation, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State endorses and sponsors an Adult Literacy Program in the State of Washington in order to provide an educational opportunity to those adults who cannot read and write; and for whom public agencies do not provide an educational program.

313. Reading Development in Our Schools
(Adopted 1972, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, The increase in the widespread number of non-reading children and children with reading problems throughout the United States indicates the need for improvement of elementary reading instruction; and

WHEREAS, It has been found that one child can learn to read by one method of instruction and another cannot learn by that particular method but by another method or a combination of methods; and

WHEREAS, In many instances it has been found that the reading level of children has been raised under the phonics system of teaching reading; and

WHEREAS, Sufficient emphasis has not been given to the phonetics method of teaching for the past several years in many of our schools; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges all school authorities:

1. To include the phonetic method of teaching reading as one of the bases of elementary reading instruction,

2. To provide adequate in-service teacher training in reading,

3. To supply sufficient supplementary learning resource materials appropriate to the school grades.

314. Selection of Sex Education Materials
(Adopted 1979, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2008, 2012, 2015)

WHEREAS, Educators in most states in the United States are required to teach some sex education in the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, Sex Education Courses in schools require materials on the subject; therefore

RESOLVED, That the members of GFWC-Washington State urge their respective school districts, that extreme care be taken in selecting materials and school library books concerning the subject of sexuality, and to include materials on AIDS.

315. Teachers' Strikes
(Adopted 1980, Reaffirmed 1998, *2012,* 2015, Amended by substitution in its entirety 2006)

WHEREAS, The GFWC-Washington State promotes education, leadership, and citizenship and

WHEREAS, Public school teachers and educational support professionals of the state of Washington use collective bargaining to negotiate for smaller class size, fair pay, and benefits and educational opportunities for all children of Washington State and

WHEREAS, Strikes are a legitimate, although last resort used to settle labor disputes, therefore

RESOLVED, the members of GFWC-Washington State recognize and support public school teachers and educational support professionals right to strike when all else fails.

316. Teaching Political Science in Schools
(Adopted 1982, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, It is apparent that students graduating from the schools of the United States are deficient in knowledge of the operation of the nation's government; and

WHEREAS, The voting age public appears to be ill-informed on government operation; therefore

RESOLVED, The teaching of political science be implemented and emphasized so that school students will understand the value of the government of our United States of America and the manner in which our government operates; and further

RESOLVED, That the teaching of political science be implemented by individual club action through contact with the Governor, the State Department of Education and the State Legislators.

317. Vocational Education
(Adopted 1914, Revised 1994, *2012;* Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, There is a great need for cooperation between schools and industry, and

WHEREAS vocational training provides young people seeking jobs in times of high unemployment an advantage over those not trained, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFW-Washington State urges the promotion of Vocational Training in connection with our public schools through the state.

Environment

401. Air Pollution
(Adopted 1961, Reaffirmed 1993, 2012, Revised 2000, Amended 2007, 2016, 2021, Reaffirmed 2026)

WHEREAS, Air pollution is a national problem and is becoming increasingly disastrous, affecting the health and safety of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution has been identified as one of the causes of climate change, and;

WHEREAS, The use of coal-burning electric generators and high powered gasoline engines in trucks and automobiles cause serious air pollution, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges:

1. Programs of research be pursued more rigorously by governmental and non-governmental agencies to ascertain what the air pollutants are and how they affect the health and economic welfare of the people worldwide; and.

2. Immediate action be taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Washington State and local governments, Industries and Individuals, for more active participation in solutions to air pollution problems by encouraging alternative energy sources and setting higher emission standards and/or any other action needed to promote the health and welfare of our people.

402. Areas of Scenic Beauty
(Adopted 1923, Reaffirmed 1993, Revised 2000, Reaffirmed 2007,2012, 2015, 2021, Revised 2026)

WHEREAS, The policy of GFWC-Washington State is conservation of our national park system and the most desirable areas of scenic beauty in the State of Washington; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State uphold the efforts of the Washington State Parks Commission and the National Parks Association in preserving areas of scenic beauty and historical interest for future generations and further

RESOLVED, That each club affiliated with GFWC-Washington State be requested to support native plant restoration.

403. Birds
(Adopted 1914, Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, 2007, 2012, 2015, Revised 2021, Reaffirmed 2026)

WHEREAS, People need birds more than birds need people. Birds control pests, pollinate plants and spread seeds; and

WHEREAS, Birds are a very important part of our ecosystem and a reflection of our planet; and

WHEREAS, Bird watching and feeding brings enjoyment and can be done almost anywhere with limited equipment. It can range from hummingbirds to our majestic eagles and ospreys; and

WHEREAS, The bald eagle is the national symbol of the United States representing America's strength and freedom; and

WHEREAS, There are many federal and state laws for the protection of migratory and insectivorous birds; as well as many conservation areas and protected wetlands; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State will cooperate as far as possible in the enforcement of Federal Laws for the protection of migratory and insectivorous birds.

404. Clean Up Environment
(Adopted 1971, Reaffirmed 1993, Revised 2000, Reaffirmed 2007, 2012, 2015, 2021, Revised 2026)

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State feels that as a public service organization it is our obligation to make public our stand on the present ecological crisis; and

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State solicits the support of other organizations and individuals to improve the environment we have so carelessly used;

RESOLVED, That as members of GFWC-Washington State, we will:

1. Encourage the use of non-polluting products in all areas of use;
2. Make a concerted effort to educate our members in regard to environmental abuses and disseminate any useful information we acquire;
3. Use our influence as a group and as individuals to support those industries and manufacturers who are making sincere efforts to comply with new government standards required to eliminate air, land and water pollution;
4. Encourage the use of penalties as a means of compliance for those industries and manufacturers which do not meet government standards;
5. Encourage all legislators to be concerned and active in the protection of our environment;
6. Actively support agencies and other groups in our Communities in their efforts to clean the air, water and land;
7. Pursue any and all means of educating ourselves so that we may be a more effective force for the salvaging of our environment.

405. Energy Consumption
(Adopted 2026) 1975, Reaffirmed 1993, Revised 2000, Reaffirmed 2007, 21, R)

WHEREAS, Energy is the commodity which gives us the capability to do work vital to our industrial society, and

WHEREAS, Energy is a vital factor in the world and

WHEREAS, The United States of America is one of the most energy extravagant nations in the world, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State calls upon its member clubs to immediately initiate programs to study the acuteness of the energy situation as well as the cost and benefits of alternative energy sources; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges it members to act boldly to carry out a program to reduce energy consumption and support the use of alternative energy sources.

406. Federation Forest

(Adopted 2015, Reaffirmed 2021, 2026)

WHEREAS, Clubwoman Jeanne Caithness, who had witnessed the destruction of the mighty forests in her home state of Wisconsin and did not wish the same fate for our majestic stands of all, old forests here in Washington state, submitted the idea for a project of preserving a sample of great trees for future generations in a park setting to the membership at a Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs State Convention in the early 1920s, and

WHEREAS, the members raised $25,000 during a two-year campaign in 1925-27 to buy a plot of 62+ acres of old growth forested land on Snoqualmie for a Federation Forest State Park, and

WHEREAS, The park was dedicated in 1934 and closed in 1938 after widening of the Snoqualmie roadway removed barriers which protected the forest from winds, and a strong windstorm blew down many trees which caused the state to close the park and sell the land back to the timber company which had sold it to the Federation, and

WHEREAS, the $25,000 from the sale of the Snoqualmie tract was placed in a protected fund until 1941, when the state purchased a 220-acre tract of younger trees near Enumclaw, and

WHEREAS, The State of Washington then purchased 314 more acres with money from a gas tax fund, and eventually the park grew to 619 acres, its present size, and

WHEREAS, Club member Catherine Montgomery left her entire estate of $89,000 to the Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1957 for the maintenance and improvement of the park and an interpretive center was built in her name, and

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State members have remained staunch allies of Federation Forest, providing funds for special projects and hands-on labor when needed, and

WHEREAS, the interpretive center is historically significant. Although it is only 50 years old, the building has been determined eligible for listing in the National Registry of Historic Places as an example of Northwest regional architecture, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Parks and Recreations Commission has invested significant funds towards stabilizing the Catherine Montgomery Interpretive Center building. They have committed money towards the needed interior renovations and are working diligently to raise additional funds from partners and other sources. Rehabilitating the center is an important undertaking both in terms of historic preservation and as a means of making Washington's history available and accessible to the general public, and

WHEREAS, with more than 40 million visits annually, Washington's state park system is among the most popular in the nation. However, demand for our state parks has outpaced resources. Limited government funding and population growth make support for Washington's parks more important than ever, and numerous times, Federation Forest has faced possible closure because it is not self-supporting, therefore

RESOLVED, GFWC-Washington State clubs continue to support the vision of our early clubwomen by assuring the preservation of this park with its magnificent stand of trees and ecosystems within it, as well as the interpretive center, through regular monetary donations to the Federation Forest Fund, and further

RESOLVED, GFWC-Washington State clubs continue to advocate for the preservation of this park, should it be threatened with closure, and further

RESOLVED, GFWC-WS clubs actively support workdays and projects at the park arranged by the GFWC-WS Federation Forest Committee and/or the park ranger when she/he requests our assistance

407. National Resources
(Adopted 1910, Amended and Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, Reaffirmed 2007, 2012, 2015, Revised 2021, Reaffirmed 2026)

WHEREAS, Natural resources are materials from the earth that are used to support life and meet people's needs. Any natural substance that humans use can be considered a natural resource. Oil, coal, natural gas, metals, stone and sand are natural resources. Other natural resources are air, sunlight, soil and water; therefore

RESOLVED That GFWC-Washington State will continue to be a strong advocate for conservation of our natural resources for the benefit of the present and especially for our future generations.

408. Oil Drilling and Ocean Beds
(Adopted 1994, Reaffirmed 2000, 2007, 2012, 2015, 2021, 2026)

WHEREAS, Our need to become more independent from outside oil imports is of the highest priority;

WHEREAS, The inland waterways of Western Washington lie in an earthquake belt,

WHEREAS, Oil drilling in unstable ocean beds could have detrimental effects on specific aspects of the environment; and

WHEREAS, Studies are currently underway at the University of Washington and others to assess the earthquake faults;

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State strongly urges our local, state and federal agencies in conjunction with the affected industry to use every means available to conduct scientific studies necessary to ensure balanced solution of need verses environment;

RESOLVED, If the study of earthquake belts lying in ocean beds is proven to be safe, then there must be a plan developed that will both minimize the damage and give the greatest protection to the ocean waters.

409. Recycling
(Adopted 1979, Substituted 1986, Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, Amended 2007, 2012, 2016, 2021. 2026)

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State is deeply concerned about the preservation of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, Millions of tons of solid waste is generated in Washington State each year and ends up in landfills, and

WHEREAS, Discarded non-returnable beverage containers and other materials that may be recycled are a contributing factor to

1. The defacing and unsightly litter of public and private areas,
2. The increased cost of government due to the collection of litter in public areas, and

WHEREAS, product packaging creates unnecessary waste, and

WHEREAS, plastic waste is difficult to recycle and leads to the proliferation of microplastics in food and water and causes health issues to all living things, and

WHEREAS, The recycling of used materials conserves natural resources and energy and reduces litter; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its membership to participate actively in local recycling programs and discourage the purchase of non-recyclable packaging materials.

410. Roadside Litter and Beautification
(Adopted 1958, Reaffirmed 1993, Revised 2000, Reaffirmed 2007, 2015, Revised 2021, Reaffirmed 2026)

WHEREAS, Increased traffic necessitates vast road building programs; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government is engaged in interstate highway construction across the nation at a cost of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, The practice of dumping private refuse and litter on roadsides is very evident; and

WHEREAS, The cost to the taxpayer of litter removal from public areas is excessive; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs and its member clubs continue in the effort to preserve the natural beauties of the landscape; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to actively work for the enforcement of laws penalizing persons using the roadways for dumping litter.

411. Water Pollution
(Adopted 1961, 1991, Reaffirmed 1993, 2000, 2007, 2015, 2021, 2026)

WHEREAS, Water supply and water pollution is becoming a serious national and state problem; and

WHEREAS, Water is vital to our own survival and to our existence as a nation; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges our State Government to continue its initial action to protect our water supply and to actively promote a program of pollution control.

Health and Wellness

501. Affirmation of Faith
(Adopted 2018)

WHEREAS, People of all nations and creeds share the belief that through prayer and affirmation of faith the hope of mankind for peace will be attained; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-WS strongly opposes intolerance, stereotyping, discrimination, incitement to violence, and violence against anyone based on one's faith; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-WS supports the right of all peoples to devote themselves freely to an active faith of their own; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-WS urges its member clubs to maintain, in every practical, the influence of spiritual values in the life and education of all people. 509. Bicycle Helmets

502. Bicycle Helmets
(Adopted 2018)

WHEREAS, many Americans ride bicycles to work or for enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, an alarming number of riders suffer serious head injuries each year; and

WHEREAS, many fatalities and life threatening injuries could be lessened or even preventive by wearing appropriate bicycle helmets; and

WHEREAS some counties and cities have already have helmet ordinances, there is no state law; therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC--Washington State members contact their State Representatives urging the passage of a state law requiring the wearing of helmets approved by the Consumer Products Safety Commission when bicycling on public streets and roads.

503. Breast Cancer
(Adopted 2015)

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control reports that one in eight women and one in 1,000 men will develop breast cancer in his/her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, A woman's risk of developing breast cancer increases as she ages; and

WHEREAS, The stage at which breast cancer is diagnosed is a major predictor of survival, with early detection significantly lowering the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, Self-examination by palpation, regular physical examination by a physician, especially when there is a family history of cancer, and mammography (x-ray) and other imaging technologies are screening methods that assist in early cancer detection; and

WHEREAS, Mastectomies and lymph node dissections are common treatments of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Many are forced to go home from the hospital hours after breast cancer surgery due to hospital stay restrictions imposed by their insurance companies; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to continues to raise awareness and encourages participation in breast cancer screening and early treatment; and further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to supports legislation requiring insurance companies to cover hospital stays for recovering breast cancer surgery patients including a 48-hour minimum hospital stay for mastectomy patients and a 24-hour minimum hospital stay for those undergoing lymph node dissection surgery.

504. Breast Cancer Examination
(Adopted 1982, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, *2012,* Amended 2008, 2022)

WHEREAS, Breast cancer is a major cause of death due to cancer among women in the United States, affecting one out of every 11 women; and

WHEREAS, Early detection of breast cancer increases a patient's chances for cure and long-time survival; and

WHEREAS, An examination, consisting of palpation (self-examination), mammography (X-Rays) and MRI (Magnetic Resonating Imaging), are methods of early cancer detection; and

WHEREAS, Regular physical examination by a competent physician can reduce anxiety on the part of the woman; and

WHEREAS, Cancer education is an individual responsibility; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State actively engages in cancer detection programs by acquainting members with techniques for self-examination and the need for regular physical examination by a physician and mammograms, ultrasounds or MRI's if further needed; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State continues to cooperate with the professional cancer detection and prevention agencies, and secure professional assistance through use of visual aids, speakers and printed materials.

505. Child Foster Care
(Adopted 2015)

WHEREAS, According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the number of children in out-of-home care is more than half a million; and

WHEREAS, The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 establishes national goals for children in the child welfare system including safety, permanence, and well-being; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to:

- Support legislation and programs that facilitate recruitment, training and retention of high-qualify foster parents and kinship providers;
- Encourage efforts by state and/or local agencies who have legal custody of foster children to maintain their cultural heritage and family relationships, making every effort to keep siblings together; and
- Advocate for legislation providing adequate and equal financial reimbursement and support services for foster parents and kinship providers; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State supports the development of programs and services that help to establish permanency and educational stability for children in foster care.

506. Colorectal Cancer Awareness
(Adopted 2008, Reaffirmed *2012,* Amended 2016, Amended 2024)

WHEREAS, Colon Cancer has now been declared the third cause of death among both men and women in the United States, and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that people commence regular screening for Colorectal Cancer at the age of 45, or younger if they have a family history of colon cancer; therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State strongly encourages everyone to follow their physician's advice as to when to schedule regular colonoscopies, and further

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State urges its members to participate in funding further research.

507. Diabetes
(Adopted 2015)

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2011, more than 25 million people in the United States, or more than eight percent of the population, have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes can cause and/or complicate other health problems heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease and failure, nervous system disease, dental disease, non-traumatic amputations,, and complications of pregnancy, and

WHEREAS, Children and adolescents with diabetes commonly have additional risk factors for cardiovascular disease including high cholesterol, triglycerides and blood pressure and increased waist circumference, and

WHEREAS, Diabetes is more prevalent among minority groups and elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, discrimination against those with diabetes has occurred in the workplace, daycare centers, and schools; and

WHEREAS, In order to manage their disease, those with diabetes must have access to the means to balance food, medication, and physical activity level at school and at school-related activities; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to support:

- The enforcement of disability rights laws prohibiting discrimination against those with diabetes;
- Funding for quality medical care for those with diabetes;
- Programs to train school personnel to identify symptoms and treatment options in order for students with diabetes to be medically safe;
- Education about the benefits of a healthy diet and physical activity to reduce the onset and treatment of diabetes; and further

Resolved that GFWC-WS strongly supports Increased funding for diabetes research and prevention programs. 503. Gerontology

508. Economic Equity
(Adopted 2015)

WHEREAS, U.S. government statistics continue to demonstrate that there remains a significant gap between the wages paid to men and the wages paid to women; and

WHEREAS, Many female-headed households with children continue to live below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, Women run a greater risk of impoverishment as a result of divorce, death of husband, or inadequate medical and retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, The welfare of all families is affected by the economic security of women; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State encourages passage of legislation that would improve the economic status of women through improved employment training, expanded business opportunities, and better child care services; further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State advocates equal access for women to higher paying and managerial positions with salaries equal to those of men in like positions through enforcement of economic equity laws; further

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to promote awareness of the wage gap and of "Equal Pay Day."

509. Gerontology
(Adopted 1984, Revised 1986, *2012,* 2016, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2008, Amended 2022)

WHEREAS, The life span of our people continues to grow longer and brings with it increased problems for the aging population; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges the State to support a law requiring training for caregivers in this field.

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges doctors to be aware of the needs of aging special needs individuals and elderly persons with memory issues to prevent elder abuse and fraud.

510. Gynecologic Cancer
(Adopted 2015)

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control reports that more than 71,000 women were diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer such as uterine (endometrial), ovarian or cervical; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 27,000 women in the United States die annually of gynecologic cancers; and

WHEREAS, Uterine (endometrial) cancer is the most common gynecologic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the most deadly gynecologic cancer; and

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer, once the leading cause of death for women in the U.S. has significantly declined in incidence and mortality; and

WHEREAS, Early detection, and appropriate treatment of gynecologic cancers are key in lowering mortality rates; and

WHEREAS, Many are unaware of the risk factors, symptoms, and diagnostic tools available to screen for these factors contributing to late stage diagnoses and increased mortality; therefore

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-Washington State urges its member clubs to support, participate in, and sponsor awareness campaigns; and

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State supports comprehensive screening, and treatment programs for gynecologic cancer; and further

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State strongly supports funding for research for the continued development of screening methods, treatments, and cures.

511. Skin Cancer Awareness and Prevention
(Adopted 2018, Amended 2022)

WHEREAS, more than 2 million Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, Washington and Idaho are among the leading states with incidents of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, the sun's rays contain 2 different kinds of Ultraviolet rays --- URA is primarily responsible for aging, wrinkles and tanning, while VAB causes sunburn --- both of which damage the skin and can cause skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for all skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, with early detection and treatment skin cancer is highly curable even Melanoma, which can be fatal if not detected early enough, therefore

RESOLVED, that GFWC-Washington State members protect their families by:

1. Applying water - resistant sunscreen
2. Wearing appropriate protective clothing
3. Seeking shade when appropriate
4. Using extra caution near water, snow and sand
5. Avoiding tanning beds and sunburn
6. Schedule regular yearly checkups by qualified dermatologist

7. Check the side effects of medications because some blood pressure medications are known to increase the chances of getting skin cancer.

RESOLVED, that GFWC - Washington State members check themselves and family members for signs of moles or spots that become different from others, or that change, enlarged, itch or bleed, and further Resolved they see a Dermatologist when they find suspicions spots.

512. Social Security
(Adopted 1992, Revised 1994, Reaffirmed 1998, 2002, *2012,* 2015, Amended 2008)

WHEREAS, The Federal Government established a Social Security system to provide a basic level of financial support for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Over 41 million people, approximately 1 out of every 6, collects some kind of Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, Social Security takes in significantly more than it spends, and the extra money, called "reserves," makes up the Social Security funds; and

WHEREAS, The money in Social Security's trust funds is invested in Treasury Bonds, generally considered the safest of all investments; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has borrowed from Social Security Trust Funds creating great concern on the part of the general public regarding future tapping of these funds and the possible inability to repay in the future; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State urges Congress to not touch Social Security Funds for any reason; and further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and to current national Senators and Representatives from Washington State.

513. Strengthening Family Responsibility
(Adopted 1969, 1972, Reaffirmed 1994, 1988, Revised 2002, Reaffirmed 2008, *2012,* 2015)

WHEREAS, GFWC-Washington State has always recognized that the American way of life has its source in the home; and

WHEREAS, Influences either wholesome or demoralizing to a very large degree stem from the home, and

WHEREAS, Lack of respect and self-discipline, permissive methods of dealing with youth and rebellion against authority have been factors in bringing about serious disturbances in our towns, cities and schools — in some instances causing personal injury and destruction of property, therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State:

1. Develops and promotes programs which involve our youth in civic responsibilities; and

2. Urges its member clubs to publicize the individual and group accomplishments of our youth in their civic activities.

3. Continues to honor outstanding youths for their volunteer service.

514. Strengthening Family Unity
(Adopted 1973, Reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, Amended 2008, *2012,* 2016)

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women's Clubs stresses RESPECT, REVERENCE and RESPONSIBILITY — concepts first taught and practiced in our homes; therefore

RESOLVED, That GFWC-Washington State strongly recommends that each member club have a community project and/or program to develop family strength and unity in one of the following areas:

1. Economic planning by the family unit;

2. Family responsibility and participation in civic affairs;

3. Family respect and concern for older persons;

4. Family concern and training for respect of private and public property;

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Drug Abuse (1925, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1933, 1939, 1970, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, amended 2007)

Drugs — Civil Commitment Law (1972, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Drugs — Narcotics (1926, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

Economic Disarmament (1987, reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, revised 2002, amended 2007)

Elimination of Inheritance Taxes in the State of Washington (1980, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, rescinded 2007)

Encourage Continuing Use of the Word "Chairman" (1980, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

Extra Sessions of the Legislature (1977, rescinded 1994)

Flag Code (1979, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

FREE (1979, rescinded 1994)

Fresh Meat Labeling (1979, rescinded 1994)

Genocide Convention, 1952, updated 1986, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Highway First Aid Assistance (1974, rescinded 1994)

Hitchhiking (1972, substituted 1983, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Importation of Weapons (1927, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

Income Tax Relief for Senior Citizens (1979, rescinded 1994)

Indian Bill of Rights (1926, rescinded 1994)

Improved Administration of Justice Studies (1973, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2007)

Jury Duty (1949, rescinded 1994)

Justice for Juveniles (1973, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Labor Program for the Penitentiary (1912, 1925, 1928, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

Law Enforcement (1925, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

Legislative Salaries (1973, rescinded 1983)

Liability Insurance (1979, rescinded 1994)

Line Item Veto to Help Balance the Budget (1986, reaffirmed 1994, 1998)

Mandatory Child Restraints (1979, rescinded 1994)

Mentally Disturbed Individuals (1985, reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

Mentally Handicapped Children (1918, 1929, 1957, rescinded 1994)

Motion Pictures (1910, 1920, 1947, rescinded 1994)

Motion Pictures (1931, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

Motorcycle Helmets (1979, rescinded 1994)

Most Influential Women's Organization (1972, updated 1994, reaffirmed 1998, rescinded 2002)

Mukilteo State Park (1972, rescinded 1994)

National Elections (1981, reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

New Voters' Institute (1947, rescinded 1994)

Objectionable Comic Books (1900, 1921, 1925, 1938, 1947, 1948, 1956, 1958, rescinded 1994)

Opposing Strikes Against Our State and Federal Government (1982, rescinded 1994)

Our Nation's Capitol (1992, reaffirmed 1998, 2002, 2007)

Parolee Supervision (1985, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Parolees and the Problems they Present to the Community (1987, reaffirmed 1988, 1994,1998, 2002, 2007)

Permanent Daylight Saving Time (1973, rescinded 1994)

Pleading Insanity (1994, amended 1985, amended 1986, reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

Police Officers (1968, rescinded 1994)

Primary Law (1926, reaffirmed 1981, 1994, 1998, 2002, rescinded 2007)

Public Disclosure Law (1974, rescinded 1994)

Raised Reflective Markers (1975, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Reflective License Plates (1957, rescinded 1994)

Removal of Child Sex Offenders from Society (1976, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007

Respect for the Law (1972, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Return to Traditional Holidays (1973, reaffirmed 1981, rescinded 1994)

San Juan Commemorative Stamp (1974, rescinded 1994)

Social Security Versus Illegal Aliens (1985, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

State Constitutional Convention (1968, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

State Institutions (1905, 1906, 1907, 1968, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

Statue of Liberty (1985, rescinded 1994)

Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) 1986, rescinded 1994)

Subversive Propaganda (1931, 1933, 1975, rescinded 1994)

Substance Abuse (Changed from Narcotics, revised 1994, 1998, 2002, reaffirmed 2008, moved from Education 316 to Public Issues 2016)

Support for the Men and Women in our Armed Forces (1991, rescinded 1994)

Taxes (1968, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

Television Programs for Youth (1956, 1974, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

Tobacco and Liquor Advertising (1927, 1929, 1935, rescinded 1994)

Traffic Safety Law Enforcement (1952, 1954, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

Traveler's Aid (1922, 1923, rescinded 1994)

TV Violence and the Child (1976, rescinded 1994)

Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws (1907, 1926. 1927, 1938, rescinded 1994)

United States Constitution vs. Constitutional Convention (1986, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

United State Constitution — Supreme Law of the Land (1980, reaffirmed 1988, 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

United State Olympics (1983, rescinded 1994)

Unsafe Buildings (1972, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, 2002, 2007)

Vice Presidential Nomination (1953, 1965, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, rescinded 2002)

Voting (1952, rescinded 1994)

Washington State Centennial 1989 (1985, rescinded 1994)

Washington State Penal Reform (1973, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

Women's Defense Council (1952, rescinded 1994)

Youth Employment (1978, reaffirmed 1994, 1998, revised 2002, reaffirmed 2007)

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