**GFWC PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with the previously announced decision to review all Resolutions currently in effect for GFWC Pennsylvania to determine whether the topic is covered by a Resolution currently in effect for GFWC, the Resolutions Committee, in consultation with the Legislation/Public Policy Committee, has reviewed all Pennsylvania resolutions.

In many cases, more than one GFWC Resolution covers topics in GFWC Pennsylvania Resolutions and GFWC Resolutions are often more comprehensive than those in effect in our state.

Where there is state-specific language or topic, or where the current GFWC Resolutions do not address all points of the state Resolution, we are keeping those GFWC Pennsylvania resolutions in effect, with the future possibility of referring some to GFWC as suggestions for amendments to GFWC Resolutions.

\*\*To review GFWC’s current resolutions, please go to GFWC.org and select Member Login, Log in; scroll to My Digital Library, Resources, go to the letter R in the alphabetical listing of resources and select Resolutions 2020, then scroll through the pages to find the resolution you wish to review. Printing the “List of Resolutions” gives you a complete list of the titles in effect.

**GFWC PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT**

**Environment Community Service Program**

Adopt-A-Highway reaffirmed 2021

Invasive Plant Species amended 2021

**Education & Libraries Community Service Program**

Education Through Community Service reaffirmed 2021

Leadership Training reaffirmed 2021

Libraries amended 2021

**Health & Wellness Community Service Program**

Food Banks of Pennsylvania adopted 2021

**Civic Engagement & Outreach Community Service Program**

Political Campaigns reaffirmed 2021

Sexual Violence amended 2021

**Communications / Public Relations**

The GFWC Unity in Diversity Emblem reaffirmed 2021

**Miscellaneous**

The GFWC PA Convention Scheduling reaffirmed 2021

**ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

**(Adopted 1992, reaffirmed 1998, amended 2003, reaffirmed 2009, 2015, 2021)**

Whereas, The General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania since its inception consistently has worked to conserve and maintain the natural beauty of local areas and communities, and recognizes greatly the necessity for a better environment and cleaner roadways; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, PennDOT, has implemented the national highway beautification program, “Adopt-A-Highway”, which focuses on voluntary roadway litter pickup thereby saving millions of taxpayers’ dollars each year; and

Whereas, Participation in the “Adopt-A-Highway” program will increase public awareness of GFWC Pennsylvania and its clubs through the PennDOT special road signs, and will help to promote better stewardship of public lands; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania urge its member clubs to join in supporting the sponsorship of the PennDOT “Adopt-A-Highway” program.

**INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES**

**(Adopted 2009, reaffirmed 2015, amended 2021)**

Whereas, A vision of our society is an enhanced environment for healthier living; and

Whereas, We, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania continue to educate our federated club women on ecological issues; and

Whereas, We, the members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania, are realizing the effect of the invasive plant species to our ecological system and the effect they will continue to produce in the future; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the members of GFWC Pennsylvania be an integral participant in educating and working actively to control invading species, especially plant species in their communities and throughout our state, and further

**RESOLVED,** That the members of GFWC Pennsylvania work to promote propagation of native species and help control proliferation of invasive species.

**EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

**EDUCATION THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**(Adopted 1992, reaffirmed 1998, amended 2003, reaffirmed 2009, 2015, 2021)**

Whereas, The General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania believes that the value of lifelong volunteer community service should be encouraged as an integral part of a student’s education; and

Whereas, Every student should have an equal opportunity to participate voluntarily in community service programs; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania encourages local clubs to work with schools, communities, and GFWC PA Juniorette Clubs to provide students with voluntary program opportunities for community service.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

**(Adopted 1991, reintroduced 1997, amended 2003, reaffirmed 2009, amended 2015,**

**reaffirmed 2021)**

Whereas, Current leadership issues include assertiveness, goal setting, motivation and time/stress management; and

Whereas, Additional issues are those of protocol, parliamentary procedure and public speaking; and

Whereas, The General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania is encouraging recognition of the importance and necessity of developing qualified leaders; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania further encourages the sponsorship of leadership training for women in the clubs and the community; and

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania provides additional opportunities for developing leadership skills for women; and

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania further encourages leadership training and skill development for students through GFWC PA Juniorette Clubs**;** and

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania further encourages leadership training and skill development for computer skills, such as e-mail, document attachment,

word processing and social media software products.

**LIBRARIES**

**(Adopted 2014, amended 2021)**

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania has lengthy history of establishing and supporting libraries in our local communities; and

WHEREAS, the financial support for community and school libraries has been in decline for several years; and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania believes that communities should come together to provide support for their public and school libraries; and

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania believes in the efforts being undertaken by the Pennsylvania Library Association to strengthen libraries’ resources and literacy outreach and build public awareness via PA Forward; therefore,

RESOLVED, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania supports community and school libraries; and

RESOLVED, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania supports the PA Forward initiative; adding an integrated library system that will lower cost and improve resource sharing for citizens and make library services available for all Pennsylvania citizens, and the efforts of the Pennsylvania Library Association to strengthen community and school libraries in Pennsylvania.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

**FOOD BANKS OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**(Adopted 2021)**

Whereas, The food banks of Pennsylvania provide nourishing foods for needy families; and

Whereas, There is an increasing number of individuals and families across Pennsylvania suffering from food insecurity who depend on their local food bank to provide nutritious foods for themselves and their families; therefore,

**Resolved,** That the clubwomen of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania strongly support the food banks of Pennsylvania by donating food and/or funds, volunteering time and advocating for the food banks of Pennsylvania.

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM**

**POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS**

**(Adopted 2004, reaffirmed 2009, 2015, reaffirmed 2021)**

Whereas, Negative political campaign advertising is that which includes personal attacks against an individual seeking political office; and

Whereas, Voters feel these negative advertisements are inappropriate and offensive when considering a candidate; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania urges its member clubs to bring to the attention of their legislators our dismay regarding the use of negative advertising and our desire that these techniques be abolished.

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

**(Adopted 1991, reintroduced & amended 1997, 2003, reaffirmed 2009, 2015, amended 2021)**

Whereas, Incidents of sexual violence are not confined to any age, ethnic, racial, educational or socioeconomic lines; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania women, children and men will be victims of sexual violence during the course of their lifetime; and

Whereas, Individuals sexually violated may suffer physical and psychological problems, contract sexually transmitted diseases and may experience life-long disabilities or loss of life; and

Whereas, Sexual assault is not only a crime against the individual, but also violates the family, the home and a sense of justice; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania encourages its members to support local programs to provide prevention education and counseling services; and

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania urges its members to advocate:

1. Legislative reform to increase the statute of limitations for civil cases;

2. Recodification of sexual offense laws to increase the victim’s rights;

3. Increased funding for programs for sexual assault victims.

**COMMUNICATIONS / PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**THE GFWC “UNITY IN DIVERSITY” EMBLEM**

**(Adopted 1992, reaffirmed 2007, reviewed 2013, reaffirmed 2021)**

Whereas, Public recognition is vitally important to the success of an organization’s membership drives, activities, and programs; and

Whereas, An emblem that is readily associated with an organization leads to greater public recognition of the organization; and

Whereas, An emblem represents affiliation with the state and national organization; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That all member clubs of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania are encouraged to use the GFWC Unity in Diversity emblem in all public relations activities and correspondence.

**MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS**

**GFWC PA CONVENTION SCHEDULING**

**(Adopted 1981, reintroduced 1992, 1998, 2003, reaffirmed 2009, amended 2015, reaffirmed 2021)**

Whereas, The General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania is composed of civic-minded and patriotic women; and

Whereas, These women wish to exercise their civic duty by voting; and

Whereas, Many club women are loyal party workers and serve as election officials; and

Whereas, The General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania encourages its members to seek and to hold public office; and

Whereas, It is frequently impossible to participate in the Pennsylvania Primary Election due to the Annual Business Meeting/Convention being held during the week in which the Primary falls; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the Annual Business Meeting/Convention of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs Pennsylvania shall not conflict, if possible, with the Pennsylvania Primary Election.