

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

The President shall appoint the resolutions committee chairman and a committee of two members.

Resolutions may be submitted by:

- a. Clubs in good standing in GFWCW
- b. Executive Board members and GFWCW Chairmen.

A club may submit resolutions only after receiving approval by said club, and resolutions must be signed by the President and Secretary of the club. Executive Board members and GFWCW Chairmen may submit resolutions relating to their subject matter areas or their special fields of endeavor.

PROCEDURES

Fourteen copies of the proposed resolutions shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Resolutions committee on or before December 15.

Only resolutions which fall within the objectives and policies of the GFWCW will be considered for presentation to the convention body.

The Chairman shall prepare a report for presentation at the January Executive Board meeting. Only resolutions that meet the requirements as outlined in the policies and practices shall be presented. Resolutions approved by the Executive Board shall be published in the call to convention issue of the "*Wyoming Clubwoman*."

Resolutions that have received approval shall be presented at the first general business session of the annual meeting, however the vote on the resolutions shall be deferred until the following day.

Resolutions that have not been presented for Executive Board approval and publication in the "*Wyoming Clubwoman*" may not be presented to the meeting body, except emergency resolutions, and only after approval of the Executive Board at pre-meeting board meeting and with unanimous approval of the meeting body.

The Chairman of the resolutions committee, assisted by the Secretary and one other board member, shall prepare courtesy resolutions.

GFWCW RESOLUTIONS

No. 1 YOUTH WELFARE

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming believes that there is a growing concern about the harmful effect of objectionable materials upon the minds and morals of the youth of our communities; therefore:

RESOLVED, that Clubwomen continue to cooperate with other groups in seeking local, state and federal laws to prevent the sale and distribution of all pornographic materials to minors and to see that such laws provide for fines and punishment for violators and to assume responsibility for arousing public opinion which will insist upon strict enforcement of such laws when passed.

No. 2 OPPOSITION TO LEGALIZED GAMBLING

WEREAS, an object of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming as provided for in the constitution and in the Articles of Incorporation permits that we “May work for the improvement and general welfare of Wyoming,” and since our specific goal has been improvement in matters relating to women and children, and we believe that it is fundamentally immoral to encourage people to look at gambling profits as a source of family income, and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to draw any line between types of gambling that should be permitted or should be barred by government, and

WHEREAS, legalized gambling would constitute a continuous temptation for husbands and wives to squander money needed for family support, would encourage an influx of powerful underworld figures and would create corruption and poverty, and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming has been on record in opposition to legalized gambling in any form since 1935 and each succeeding biennium, therefore:

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming reaffirms its unalterable opposition to any form of legalized gambling for Wyoming.

No. 3 COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS, reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body, and a source of enrichment to the individual and

WHEREAS, reading is the foundation of education which is the very cornerstone of our democratic way of life, therefore:

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming reaffirms and endorses National Library Week in order to focus emphasis on the value of reading, and further

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming urges member clubs to form reading groups, and individual members to make greater use of our libraries and adopt reading as a vital part of family leisure.

No. 4 TRAFFIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, Fifty percent of the traffic accidents in which Wyoming citizens have been killed have been alcohol and drug abuse or cell phone/texting involved, and

WHEREAS, unacceptable numbers of injury and property damage have occurred in traffic accidents which have had alcohol and drug abuse or cell phone/texting involved, and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming has supported and encouraged executive and legislative endeavors to strengthen laws related to alcohol and drug consumption; and the use of cell phones and texting when driving of vehicles, and therefore:

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming does encourage all law enforcement agencies and courts to make a stringent application of current laws in order to control and reduce death, injury, and property damage losses due to traffic accidents which have alcohol and drugs and the use of cell phones and texting involved.

No. 5 A RESOLUTION FOR A SAFER WYOMING

WHEREAS, Wyoming experiences one of the highest accidental death rates for any state in the union, with the motor vehicle death rate over two times greater than that of the rate for the United States, and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming has supported reorganizing and financing of the Wyoming Safety Council, a citizen support organization, to help combat the rising death rates and therefore:

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming continue to support the Wyoming Safety Council and sponsor the National Safety Council’s defensive driving course for, not only its members, but members’ families, employees and their families and the public in general, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming continue to support and encourage the traffic court referral program as part of the judge’s responsibility to educate the erring driver.

No. 6 STATUS OF WOMEN

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming took an active part in the movement throughout the State to establish the Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women, and

WHEREAS, the 40th Legislature established the Wyoming Commission on the Status of Women, and

WHEREAS, the name has been changed to the Wyoming Council on Women’s Issues and is overseen by the Wyoming Business Council,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming continue its interest in the objectives of the council to ensure that the efforts will have not been in vain, and to continue support for its adequate funding to enable it to fulfill its function.

No. 7 ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS

WHEREAS, there continues a statewide need for vigilance that physically handicapped Wyoming citizens can exercise their talents, skills, right of employment, and freedom or access to community life by means of a barrier-free environment, and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs of Wyoming supported passage of the Architectural Barriers Law regulating the construction of new public buildings, and its amendment requiring curb cuts for new or improved sidewalks construction, therefore:

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of women’s Clubs of Wyoming continue its momentum toward a barrier-free Wyoming with other state organizations having similar service goals, and to work to assure freedom from barriers for physically handicapped persons in Wyoming.

***** Goals met. Resolution is of significant history to GFWCW.

No. 8 YOUTH ART MONTH

WHEREAS, a quality art program is needed to emphasize the value of creating art and participation in the development and appreciation of art by all youth and to gain understanding of the true importance of art education and the need for public support and involvement; and

WHEREAS, art enhances the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming imitated and supported Youth Art Month since its inception by the Crayon, Watercolor and Craft Institute Inc. in 1961; therefore:

RESOLVED, that each club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming be encouraged to observe Youth Art Month in March by obtaining a mayor's proclamation and by encouraging and promoting public displays, exhibits, shows, etc. through schools, libraries, churches and youth organizations.

No. 9 REFLECTIVE MARKERS

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming has endorsed the use of raised reflective markers to provide safer guidance when driving at night, and urges their adoption by all states on all major highways without delay and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming, in its concern for human life and personal property, and recognizing in the highway death toll a need to work for programs that will make highways safer for all, supports the General Federation of Women's Clubs programs for the great state of Wyoming, and

WHEREAS, the highway department has been a leader and enjoys an enviable record among all states for the excellence of its extensive highway system and has long been ready to innovate and accept new ideas which contribute to the safety and convenience of highway users, and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of women's Clubs of Wyoming is aware of its obligation to do all possible to reduce accidents by making nighttime driving safer, therefore:

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming urges the highway department to expand the use of raised reflective markers throughout the state, beginning immediately with interstate highways and continuing through the primary system without undue delay.

No. 10 TELEVISION ADVERTISING

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming believes that advertising of personal feminine or masculine products is objectionable to family television programming and,

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming feels that individual letters of objection are most effective, therefore:

RESOLVED, that members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming continue to make their objections known to the advertising and television networks.

No. 11 JUVENILE VANDALISM

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming believes that juvenile vandalism offenders should be held responsible for their own actions and that they themselves should be required to make restitution for these acts, therefore:

RESOLVED, that the courts be encouraged to make the individual offender responsible by personally paying for all damages through work projects.

No. 12. CHILD ABUSE

WHEREAS, the problem of child abuse and neglect is, and has been, rising drastically, and

WHEREAS, the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming is concerned about the growing number of child abuse cases in Wyoming and

WHEREAS, we believe that prevention, rehabilitation and treatment should precede prosecution wherever possible, therefore:

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming pledges to continue their support for community education for the prevention of abuse and neglect, rehabilitation and treatment of families which are already involved in the problem, and finally to firm punishment by law for those not amenable to treatment.

No. 1 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND MISUSE

WHEREAS, prescription drug abuse is Wyoming's and the Nation's fastest growing drug problem; and

WHEREAS, prescription drugs, including opioids and antidepressants, are responsible for more overdose deaths than "street drugs" such as cocaine, heroin, and amphetamines; and

WHEREAS, research consistently indicates that the majority of prescription drug abusers initially obtain their drugs from friends and/or family member's unused medications; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 7 teens admit to abusing prescription drugs to get high in the past year; and

WHEREAS, sixty percent of teens who abused prescription pain relievers did so before the age of 15;

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming, Inc. urges its member clubs to work with other organizations and agencies to educate its members, parents and the public of the problem of prescription drug/controlled substance abuse and misuse; and further

RESOLVED, that the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Wyoming, Inc. support local, state and national programs initiated for the proper and environmentally safe disposal of unused prescription medications to prevent future abuse.