



2019 NACW CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS FORM

Resolution Title: Resolution to encourage the establishment and strengthening of Commissions for Women

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Resolution Author(s):

Problem Statement: Gender inequity and inequality continue to exist in our nation, and seep in to almost every facet of life, affecting health outcomes, healthcare, socioeconomic status and opportunity, education, etc. There are an insufficient number of commissions for women in many areas in the nation, and many communities remain unrepresented or underrepresented by existing commissions.

Whereas: In 1975, the year of the establishment of the National Association of Commissions for Women, the commission movement had a thriving network,ⁱ

Whereas: Women in the United States continue to face political, social, economic, educational, and health inequity and inequality.

Whereas: The number of Commissions has faced challenges including inactive due to budget cuts, lack of commission appointments and elimination of enabling statutes among other issuesⁱⁱ

Whereas: Women's Commissions are tasked with understanding the issues affecting women in their communities, and advocating for changes that will address these issues and that will advance women to full equity;

Therefore, be it Resolved: that the National Association for Commissions for Women works to strengthen existing commissions for women and to encourage the establishment of commissions for women in every jurisdiction in the nation; and be it further

Resolved: that all Commissions support the adoption of enabling legislation and statutes relating to the establishment of new Commissions within their state; and be it further

Resolved: that all Commissions connect newly established Commissions within their state/region to the National Association of Commissions for Women; and be it further

Resolved: that member Commissions share with other Commissions for Women best practices, information, and resources whenever possible and appropriate and in accordance with their Commissions' protocol.

ⁱ Rose, Susan. "Here's Why We Need a Comeback in U.S. Women's Commissions." *Women's eNews*, 23 March 2016.

ⁱⁱ Ibid.