

Conservation

GFWC- New Hampshire

Resolution Adopted May 14, 1998
Annual Meeting, The Highlander, Manchester, NH
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Air Pollution

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire recognizes that air pollution is a matter for local, state, and national concern; and

Whereas, Studies show that air pollutants endanger health and welfare, injure agricultural crops and livestock, damage property, and create hazards for air and ground transportation; and

Whereas, The quality of air is deteriorating as a result of greatly expanded research and industrial activity, and the concentration in urban areas of growing population; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges the acceleration and expansion of nationwide programs of air pollution research, study and testing by the state department of health and the United States Health Service, and that state and local officials do all that is possible to encourage the development of more energy within safe air quality limitation; and further

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to support the vigorous enforcement of present legislation pertaining to air pollution.

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Disposal of Hazardous Waste

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire recognizes that hazardous waste disposal is injurious to our health and that of future generations; and

Whereas, The improper management of hazardous waste is contaminating our water supply, a necessity of life; and

Whereas, Hazardous waste disposal sites devalue adjacent properties; and

Whereas, Sound management and safe treatment of hazardous waste must be of local, state, and national concern; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to support programs and legislation that will prevent the menace of improper hazardous waste disposal.

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Environmental Preservation and Beautification

- Whereas, Environmental preservation and beautification of public lands is of great concern; and
- Whereas, Vandalism and abuse threaten the physical environment, natural resources, and heritage of public lands; and
- Whereas, The highest rates of vandalism occur in areas with obsolete facilities, poor street lighting, overgrown lots, low community morale and very little pedestrian traffic; therefore
- Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to support public land stewardship programs and become involved on the local, state, and national level.

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Household Hazardous Waste

Whereas, Household hazardous waste is considered a major problem in our nation; and

Whereas, Americans generate 1.6 million tons of hazardous waste (household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients) per year; and

Whereas, Improper disposal of household hazardous waste, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, aerosols and pesticides, can pollute the environment and pose a threat to health; and

Whereas, Household hazardous waste is often disposed of with regular household refuse, and indiscriminate mixing of these wastes can give off toxic gasses, can be flammable and pose a serious threat of injury to trash collectors and landfill operators; and

Whereas, Household hazardous waste pollutes the environment by leaching into soil and damaging sensitive ground water; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to promote public awareness of the dangers of improper disposal of household hazardous waste; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC-NH urges its members to support reductions in the amount of household hazardous waste entering the waste stream by:

1. Promoting public awareness that the options of reduction, reuse, and recycling are all important tools to safely manage household hazardous waste;
2. Promoting public participation in household hazardous "drop off" programs;
3. Substituting non-hazardous products for hazardous household cleaning, yard care and car maintenance products, and;
4. Promoting public awareness about proper disposal to prevent pollution.

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(Concerning the Use of) Lead Sinkers for Fishing

Whereas, Lead is a toxic metal that causes neurological damage in humans as well as wildlife; and

Whereas, Lead sinkers used by fishermen are dangerous and may be poisoning loons; and

Whereas, The loon is an endangered species, numbering about 550 in the State of New Hampshire; and

Whereas, There are sinkers available made of other metals that are safe to the water and the inhabitants thereof; and

Whereas, The State of New Hampshire will ban the sale of lead sinkers for use on inland waters by July, 2000; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire encourage its member clubs to educate their local communities' in the use of alternative sinkers made of non-lead products.

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Local Parks and Recreation Areas

Whereas, The growth of population and the development of homes in and around towns and cities adds to overcrowding and the need for open recreation areas; and

Whereas, In many areas the land available for public use is restricted; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges that member clubs work with their communities to help maintain established areas and to plan and create new parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities.

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Recycling

Whereas, Recycling extends dwindling landfill space by reducing the amount of municipal solid waste; and

Whereas, Recycling conserves natural resources and reduces the demand for both foreign and domestic raw materials; and

Whereas, Recycling helps protect and improve land, air, and water resources; and

Whereas, Recycling demonstrates community commitment toward reducing solid waste and preserving the quality of the environment; and

Whereas, The reclaiming of materials continues to be a viable and growing option in proper solid waste management; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire and its member clubs continue to promote recycling by:

1. Educating the public on the advantages of recycling.
2. Encouraging printed identification of products made from recycled materials.
3. Encouraging consumer demand for products made from recycled materials.
4. Promoting the marketing of recyclables.
5. Organizing and supporting recycling efforts at the community level, both residential and commercial.
6. Encouraging legislation that promotes recycling.
7. Encouraging the growth of new and expanded facilities with the capabilities to utilize the recovered/recycled materials.

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Waste Management

Whereas, The use of biodegradable products and recycling conserves the use of natural resources, helps protect and improve land, air, and water resources, conserves energy otherwise used in the securing, transporting and manufacturing of products from primary raw materials, and reduces the amount of solid waste; and

Whereas, The use of biodegradable products and recycling demonstrates community commitment toward reducing solid waste and preserving the quality of the environment; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports the use of biodegradable products, encourages recycling and discourages over-packaging; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC-NH supports legislation that encourages recycling by individuals, business, and government.

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Water Quality

Whereas, The proper use of our present water supply, augmented by the restoration to usability of presently polluted water, would provide a supply of usable water that would sustain the earth's population in the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, Pollutants such as household toxic materials, sewage, mind sludge and agricultural chemicals are entering our streams, lakes, and underground water supply; and

Whereas, Failure to address t his problem has resulted in human, fish, and animal health problems; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges the enforcement of existing laws protecting water quality; and further

Resolved, That the GFWC-NH member clubs promote essential activities to clean up and maintain lakes, rivers, coastlines, wetlands, and help restore watersheds.

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Water Resources

Whereas, The water resources of our nation are being depleted rapidly because of the escalating population, industrial use which includes large amounts of water to maintain clean air requirements, and the expected standards of living in today's society; and

Whereas, Quantities of chemical materials having unknown reaction upon the environment and human body are still being discharged into water resources; and

Whereas, The continued spilling of oil into waterways pollutes current and potential water resources, endangers wildlife and prohibits recreation; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its members to continue to support legislative programs for conservation, judicious industrial use, restricted disposal of toxic wastes far removed from water supplies and resources; and further

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire encourages its member clubs to acquaint members, local citizens, and legislators of these dangers and the need to protect our water resources.