

Education

GFWC-New Hampshire

Resolution – Adopted January 23, 1997
Mid-Winter Meeting, Merrimack Hotel, Merrimack, N.H.
Presented by the Resolutions Committee

Basic Education

Whereas, Many United States students are not prepared academically to compete in a global community; and

Whereas, Solutions to our educational problems must be addressed; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its members:

1. To encourage parents to work in partnership with schools and teachers, realizing that meeting the child's basic needs must start in the home.
2. To establish strong early childhood educational programs.
3. To establish and participate in tutoring programs and mentor programs linking volunteers, business representatives or professionals with individual students.
4. To encourage respect and cooperation among the student, parent, and teacher.
5. To recognize teachers who display excellence in developing our youth.
6. To work for equality of education for all students.
7. To encourage high school drop-outs to pursue a general equivalency diploma (GED) in order to provide them with wider career opportunities.

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English, Official USA Language

Whereas, The United States of America has been enriched by the cultural contributions of immigrants from many traditions and blessed with one common language (English) which has united a diverse nation and fostered harmony among its people; and

Whereas, The public schools of the nation have a special obligation to transmit the common culture and civic values of the United States of America and to accelerate the assimilation of immigrant students to American society; and

Whereas, English is the national language of the United States of America by custom only, enjoying no official protection, and is subject to erosion with increased use of other languages which could be a divisive force within this nation; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its clubs to work for a constitutional amendment which establishes English as the official language of the United States of America; and further

RESOLVED, That the General federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports the enforcement of the English language requirement for U.S.A. naturalization; and further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be sent to the NH Senators and Congressmen urging their support of this measure.

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Learning Disabilities

Whereas, Research indicates that undetected learning disabilities may be the chief problem of a large number of children who do not do well in school; and

Whereas, Early detection of a learning disability will enable a child to overcome a learning difficulty or at the very least can make life easier as the child grows; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to:

1. Educate their members and their communities about learning disabilities.
2. Meet with the special education teachers, parent group representatives, and school psychologists to discuss the need for a preschool screening program in the community.
3. Support, on a volunteer basis, programs to teach children with learning disabilities in the local communities.
4. Support the development of programs which would sensitize regular education students to the problems of learning disabilities.

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Libraries

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs, having been responsible for the founding of approximately 75 percent of the nation's libraries, recognizes the contributions libraries can and should make to the national welfare; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports adequate library funding at all levels; further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to continue strong support of existing libraries, to encourage the extension of library services to those areas, rural and urban, and to do everything in their power to encourage the people of their communities to make full use of their library facilities and services.

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Lifelong Learning

Whereas, Since the inception of the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire, the educational needs of women have been promoted and enhanced through educational forums, study groups, seminars, and scholarship opportunities; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to sponsor discussion groups and forums, both among their members and in their communities, and that subjects of local, national and international importance be presented; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire encourages all adults to further their education through available programs, such as Elderhostel, ESO and continuing education courses.

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Literacy

Whereas, An alarming number of adults and job seekers in the United States are functional illiterates, and many school children cannot read or write well enough to make progress in school; and
Whereas, There has been increased public awareness of the problem of adult illiteracy, teaching resources devoted to providing literacy skills are growing slowly, while demands for these services are increasing dramatically; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs:

1. To initiate and/or support any necessary changes in the state's educational code, making courses in methods of teaching reading in accredited colleges and universities mandatory for the granting of the elementary teachers' certificates.
2. To seek the cooperation of school boards and administrators for the purpose of determining pupils' reading proficiency on the basis of approved reading tests, professionally administered.
3. To urge schools to institute, when deficiencies in reading proficiency are revealed; classes in remedial special services, assistance of teacher aides for individual instruction, and projects in improved reading comprehension.
4. To enter into programs to teach children and/or adults with literacy problems on a volunteer basis in the local communities.
5. To work with local literacy groups or libraries.
6. To encourage corporate awareness of the problem of illiteracy.
7. To urge local and state governments to increase their role of providing literacy services through planning, policy coordination, research and development, and support for training and materials.
8. To support implementation of the National Literacy Act of 1991 and increased appropriations for literary services.

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Quality Public Education

Whereas, Education of all people is important to the function of government if democracy is to survive and should be held in public esteem commensurate with its importance; and

Whereas, The public school system is responsible for educating students to reach their fullest potential in order to be functioning members of society and should, in cooperation with the community be accountable for providing the climate in which this can be achieved; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports the following to achieve a quality education program:

1. Encouragement should be given to qualified persons to enter the teaching profession.
2. Highest standards should be maintained in the preparation of teachers.
3. Fair and equitable means of recognizing and rewarding excellence in teaching should be assured, and teachers' salaries should be consistent with other professional salaries.
4. School boards, administrators, and teachers should work together harmoniously and utilize non-confrontational methods to resolve disputes.

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Television in Education

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire is aware of the impact of television on the cultural pattern of the United States; recognizes its great educational value; and desires that the greatest possible constructive use be made of this channel of information; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to work cooperatively with educational and governmental institutions in providing quality education through television; and

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports the continued allocation of television channels to education, and also for state, local, and private funding of programs of merit on available channels; and further

RESOLVED, That the purpose of television in education be maintained and not subject to commercial advertising.