

# Home Life

GFWC-New Hampshire

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**Breast Cancer Examination**

Whereas, Self-examination by palpation, regular physical examination by a competent physician, especially when there is a family history of cancer, and mammography (x-ray) are methods that assist in early cancer detection; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Club – New Hampshire continues to cooperate with the professional cancer detection and prevention agencies and that member clubs secure professional assistance through use of visual aids, speakers, and printed materials to acquaint members with the need for regular physical exam, mammography, and the techniques for self-examination.

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### **Child Care**

Whereas, A safe and nurturing environment is essential to the well-being of children; and

Whereas, Many parents and custodians of young children who are employed outside the home must work to ensure the economic survival of their families; and

Whereas, The high cost and scarcity of child care contribute to the problem of young children being left unattended; therefore

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

1. To evaluate the availability of child care facilities in their communities and to take appropriate action.
2. To encourage the establishment of more affordable child care facilities for low and moderate income families.
3. To investigate the need for further regulation of child care facilities.
4. To support legislation to enforce the standards of child care facilities.

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**Child Foster Care**

Whereas, Pressures on families from divorce, history of child abuse and neglect, substance abuse and economic strains can make them dysfunctional; and

Whereas, Sometimes in the best interest of the child, he or she must be removed from his or her home; and

Whereas, Both short and long-term foster homes serve as a viable alternative to detention and institutionalization for troubled youth who have committed no serious crime; and

Whereas, Much is spent to institutionalize children while very little is spent to reimburse foster parents for quality care, thus discouraging competent people with limited financial resources from applying; therefore

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

1. To work for laws to facilitate the recruiting and training of qualified foster parents.
2. To advocate adequate financial reimbursement for foster parents.
3. To recruit and provide foster homes.

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### **Child Welfare**

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs has maintained that the safeguarding of childhood is essential to the welfare of the Nation; and

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs has approved the principle of federal, state, and local cooperation for the safeguarding of childhood; therefore;

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges that its member clubs urge cooperation with public and private agencies serving the communities for the promotion of health, welfare, and security of children.

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Resolution Adopted May, 2002  
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### **Economic Equity**

Whereas, The U.S. Government statistics continue to demonstrate that there remains a significant gap between wages paid to men and the wages paid to women; and

Whereas, Almost half of all female-headed households with children now live below the poverty level; and

Whereas, Women run a greater risk of impoverishment as a result of divorce, death of a husband, or inadequate medical and retirement benefits; and

Whereas, The welfare of all families is affected by the economic security of women; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC-New Hampshire encourages passages of legislation that would improve the economic status of all women through improved employment training, expanded business opportunities, better child care services and more equitable retirement and medical benefits; further

Resolved, That the GFWC-New Hampshire advocates equal access for women to higher paying and managerial positions with salaries equal to those of men in like positions through the enactment and enforcement of economic equity laws; further

Resolved, That the GFWC-New Hampshire urges its member clubs to promote awareness and education of the wage gap and encourages recognition of "Equal Pay Day."

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Resolution – Adopted May, 2002, Amended January, 2008  
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Presented by the Resolutions Committee

**Equal Rights and Responsibilities for Women**

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States does not guarantee equality of status of women, except with regard to the right to vote, and will guarantee equality of other rights only when an amendment for the purpose is included therein; and

Whereas, Lack of ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) continuously jeopardizes women's parity with men in the areas of health care, violence, education and employment; therefore

**Resolved,** That the GFWC-New Hampshire reaffirms its support of the Equal Rights Amendment which would provide that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

## **GFWC-New Hampshire**

Resolution – Adopted January 28, 2006  
Mid-Winter Meeting, The Highlander Inn and Conference Center  
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### **Family Caregivers**

Whereas, Meeting the demands of multiple family responsibilities, as well as the added pressures of employment and outside commitments, creates great stress for family caregivers; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to work with appropriate agencies in their communities to support the development and maintenance of creative community based support services for elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities, and family caregivers; support services such as adult day care centers, respite care, transportation services, nutrition services, home health and homemaker services, alternative housing arrangements and support groups for family caregivers; and further

Resolved, That the General federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports legislation providing for flexible policies and programs to aid employees in meeting family responsibilities.



## **GFWC-New Hampshire**

Resolution – Adopted May, 2002  
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### **Health Care**

Whereas, People require a full range of health care services to meet their health care needs, including pre-natal, screening, diagnostic, and comprehensive treatment; and

Whereas, There remain areas of the country which have no or substandard health services; and

Whereas, The cost of health care services is not affordable for all; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC-New Hampshire urges its member clubs to work with their communities, the government and private sector to help establish adequate, accessible and affordable health care services for all.

## **GFWC-New Hampshire**

Resolution – Adopted May, 2002  
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### **Homeless**

Whereas, There are increasing numbers of homeless people, including growing numbers of families with children; and

Whereas, Food, shelter, clothing, medical and mental health services and educational and employment training opportunities are greatly needed by the homeless; and

Whereas, Homeless families with children require specialized services to ensure the safety of children and to enable children to attend school; therefore

Resolved, That the GFWC-New Hampshire urges its member clubs to:

1. Survey the current services including access to mental health care for homeless people in their communities.
2. Support the continuation of existing services and advocates for the creation of needed new services.
3. Support efforts to develop decent, affordable, permanent housing, so as to enable homeless families and individuals to become self-supporting members of the community.

**Home Life Department**

**Hungry and Homeless (Mid Winter Meeting, January 24, 2009)**

Presented by Public Policy Chairman, Mary Lou Kelly

WHEREAS, There are increasing numbers of hungry and homeless people, including growing numbers of youth and families with children; and

WHEREAS, Poverty, lack of affordable housing, unemployment, medical expenses, domestic violence, mental illness and addiction disorders are major causes of hungry and homeless persons; and

WHEREAS, Food, safe shelter, clothing, medical and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, education and employment training opportunities are greatly needed by the hungry and homeless; and

WHEREAS, Hungry and Homeless families require specialized services to ensure their health, safety, emotional well-being, and education; therefore

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

1. Contact local homeless coalitions to survey current needs and services available including access to public education, mental health care, and substance abuse treatment for the homeless population in their communities
2. Support funding for needed services such as food pantries and food kitchens.
3. Contact local homeless assistance providers and inquire how members can support their efforts
4. Support efforts to improve or develop transitional living programs with emphasis on education, food, life skills and employment training to enable homeless families and individuals to become self-sufficient members of the community
5. Support efforts to develop decent, affordable and permanent housing to ensure that the cycle of homelessness is broken.
6. Work to educate the public on the need to support and supply food to local food pantries, soup kitchens and transitional housing organizations.

Resolution -- Adopted January 28, 2012  
Mid Winter Meeting  
Presented by Resolution Committee

Intolerance (Home Life)

WHEREAS, The General Federation of Women's Clubs believes that the democratic form of government would be endangered by the unchecked growth of prejudice and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, The cardinal principles of our democratic institutions demand respect for the rights of others; and

WHEREAS, Problems resulting from intolerance may have a national and/or international ramifications; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs - New Hampshire urges its member clubs to accept responsibility for fostering tolerance, justice, and religious freedom in their clubs and communities.

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### **Mass Media**

Whereas, Printed matter, movies, internet use, music videos, radio and television programs are powerful media for transmitting to masses of people, particularly youth, new ideas, cultural and ethical values, and social attitudes; and

Whereas, There is widespread distribution through mass media of production which results in desensitizing of society, even to the point of encouraging violent, sexually promiscuous, unethical, and materialistic behavior, and in which youth identifies itself with such anti-social behavior; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire

1. Endorses a program of education of parents, educators, religious and civic leaders, concerning their share of responsibility for teaching, particularly to youth, discrimination in the selection of reading matter, movies, music videos, video games, internet use, comic books, radio and television programs.
2. Urges a program of action in communities, in cooperation with other organizations, with youth, and with producers and distributors of the mass media for broadening the diversity of communication, promoting productions conveying ethical, moral values and high ideals for citizenship.
3. Urges members to join the call to major TV networks for a voluntary return to family hour programming.

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Mid Winter Meeting  
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Nutrition (Home Life)

WHEREAS, Nutrition is a critical factor in both the prevention of disease and recovery from illness and injury; and

WHEREAS, People failing to follow a healthful diet can be found at every socio-economic level, in all age groups of all races, and in various degrees of physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, The National Center for Health Statistics reports that approximately 68% of adults and 33% of children are overweight and therefore at increased risk of multiple health problems; and

WHEREAS, Any proposed system of health care should include patient and provider education in good nutrition, both for prevention and cure of diseases; therefore

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

- Support the inclusion of good nutrition in the planning, organization, and implementation of health care systems as a basic component of health and medical care
- Encourage school meal programs to meet nutrition standards and to provide fresh, whole, and unprocessed food, as well as food options that are low in fat, calories, and added sugar
- Encourage the food industry to provide reasonable food and beverage portions
- Encourage food stores to increase the availability of low calorie, nutritious food items
- Encourage schools to provide healthful, nutritious snacks and beverages in vending machines; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs - New Hampshire urges its members to study and implement good nutrition programs for their families and encourage nutrition education in their communities to promote healthy lifestyles; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs - New Hampshire supports legislation that requires restaurants to display nutritional information on menus.

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### **People with Disabilities**

Whereas, There are many individuals with disabilities who cannot reach their fullest potential without the removal of attitudinal, physical and transportation barriers; therefore

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

1. To assist with education of the public to the needs of individuals with disabilities.
2. To stress independent living for these individuals.
3. To assist people with disabilities to become contributing members of society; and

**RESOLVED**, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports legislation to protect and secure the rights of all persons with disabilities; and further

**RESOLVED**, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to hold their meetings in sites accessible to persons with disabilities.

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Retirement Savings (Home Life)

WHEREAS, Individual Retirement Accounts, Self-Employed Pension Plans, and defined-contribution plans are used by millions of families to save for retirement; and

WHEREAS, Since there are several types of retirement accounts, it is important for individuals to be knowledgeable of the interest, tax savings advantages, and further income tax implications of each; and

WHEREAS, Retirement plans are increasingly necessary for long-term financial security; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs - New Hampshire strongly supports legislation and laws that allow for maximum individual participation in retirement plans; and further

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs - New Hampshire strongly supports education and programs promoting retirement savings.



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### **Specially Trained Dogs for People with Disabilities**

Whereas, People with disabilities desire independence in life; and

Whereas, The use of specially trained dogs can help to achieve such independence;  
therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to support the training of dogs for people with disabilities; and further

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports legislation recognizing and protecting the use of all assistance dogs.

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**Substance Abuse**

Whereas, The incidence of substance abuse continues at an alarming rate; and

Whereas, The abuse of substances including alcohol, illegal and prescription drugs continues to be a serious menace to the public health and safety of all citizens; and

Whereas, Substance abuse produces harmful effects to the physical, mental and emotional health of abusers, often contributing to criminal activity; and

Whereas, Effective citizen responsibility in preventing substance abuse is largely dependent upon a sound program of education on the danger of substance abuse; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire calls upon its member clubs to continue cooperating with other organizations and associations undertaking educational and consumer awareness programs; and further

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports the enactment of laws, where necessary, and strict enforcement of penalties for the production, marketing, and possession of illegal substances.

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### **Tobacco and Young People**

Whereas, Statistics show that the majority of regular smokers begin using tobacco before the age of 18 and that many of these will ultimately die of tobacco-related diseases; and

Whereas, Young people are inundated by both media and peer pressure to begin using tobacco; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports education of young people on the long term effects of tobacco use; and further

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports legislation to prohibit the marketing of tobacco to young people.

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### **Women's Health Research**

Whereas, Too few research studies are conducted on diseases and conditions that affect women; and

Whereas, Too few women are included in clinical trials for diseases affecting both sexes; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges continued commitment and funding for the Women's Health Initiative and the Women's Aging Study underway at the National Institutes of Health; and further

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges that women be included in clinical trials in the same proportion as men, and that the data for gender difference be analyzed.

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### **Youth Suicide**

Whereas, Youth suicide is increasing and is the second leading cause of death among youths; therefore

Resolved, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs urges its member clubs:

1. To teach young people to build self-esteem and to develop coping skills.
2. To encourage school personnel, clergy and family to obtain training for the recognition of suicidal symptoms.
3. To encourage and aid in the formation of support groups for survivors.