

**International**

GFWC-New Hampshire

Resolution – Adopted January 23, 1997  
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**Child Survival**

Whereas, The hope for the future of our world lies with our children; and

Whereas, Some 35 million children die each year of disease which could be prevented or cured; and

Whereas, The lives of these children could be saved by providing a healthy and safe environment, access to medical care, and minimum standards of food, clothing, and shelter; therefore

**RESOLVED**, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire educates and involves its members in promoting health care and better living conditions for children around the world.

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### **International Child Labor**

Whereas, According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), an estimated 200 million children under the age of 15 work in unhealthy and often life-endangering industries, despite the more than 20 International Labor Organization Conventions banning such practice; and

Whereas, The prevalence of enslaved child labor around the world deprives those children the opportunity for basic health and education and denies gainful employment to adults, thus perpetuating widespread poverty; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports the enactment of legislation which supplements and strengthens existing domestic and international child labor laws; and

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire supports the establishment of programs of aid and education which seek to alleviate the underlying poverty that is often the cause of commercial exploitation of children; further

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Club – New Hampshire urges its member clubs to support programs which are dedicated to the elimination of exploitation, maiming and death of enslaved child laborers.

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### **International Exchange Program**

Whereas, The General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire believes that understanding the culture, history, politics, economy, and the everyday pattern of living of the nations of the world is necessary to the maintenance of peace; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire expresses its approval of the international exchange programs and urges member clubs to provide opportunities whereby the experiences of exchange persons can be used to promote international understanding, good will, and peace among all peoples of the world and be constructive in the education and appreciation of all nations.

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**Rugmark Campaign**

Whereas, Child bonded labor is prevalent in South Asia's carpet industry and children are often taken far from their homes, or tricked or stolen from their families; and

Whereas, Children who are subjected to bondage are victims of torture, abuse, and imprisonment; and

Whereas, According to a UNICEF study, 90 percent of the one million South Asia child workers are working as bonded laborers in the carpet industry; and

Whereas, Many working children will die before they reach the age of 12, they become victims of disease, and they receive no medical care; therefore

**RESOLVED**, That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire urges its members clubs to support the U.S. Rugmark Campaign by:

1. Educating consumers about the exploitation of children in the production of carpets.
2. Urging customers to only purchase Oriental hand-made rugs that have the official RUGMARK label, indicating that manufacturers have met stringent requirements to assure that no child labor is used.
3. Gaining commitments from U.S. retailers to carry hand-knotted Oriental carpets with the RUGMARK label.
4. Encouraging importers to self-impose a surcharge on imported Oriental carpets to be used for the rehabilitation and education of former child weavers.

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Terrorism

WHEREAS, Terrorism continues to be a grave threat to all persons throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Homeland Security was created in 2001 to lead, oversee, and coordinate a comprehensive national strategy to safeguard against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, National, state and local governments need to be better prepared for fighting and responding to terrorism; therefore

RESOLVED, That the General Federation of Women's Club - New Hampshire urges its member clubs to support anti-terrorism efforts including:

1. Developing and implementing a domestic anti-terrorism strategy
2. Providing training and financial aid to state and local government agencies and emergency response teams preparing for terrorist attacks
3. Educating the public to better understand the vast forms of terrorism in order to be better prepared
4. Supporting legislation providing strong counter-terrorism programs; and

RESOLVED, That the GFWC-NH urges the United States to work collaboratively with the international organizations and governments to combat terrorism.

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**United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of  
Discrimination Against Women**

Whereas, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination  
Against Women (CEDAW) establishes basic international principles  
of equality for women in the areas of civil, economic, education,  
employment, gender based violence, health care and political rights;  
and

Whereas, Discrimination against women continues to exist, violating human  
rights, hampering growth and prosperity of society, and limiting  
the full potential of women; and

Whereas, The United States is a leader in the promotion of human rights;  
therefore

Resolved That the General Federation of Women’s Clubs – New Hampshire  
supports immediate ratification and implementation of the United  
Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination  
Against Women (CEDAW).

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### **UN Program on HIV/AIDS**

Whereas, The United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS reports that 95% of persons infected with the HIV virus live in developing countries; and  
Whereas, Only about five percent of persons infected with HIV/AIDS, living in developing countries, have access to treatment; and  
Whereas, Morbidity rates have devastated many developing countries in civic, economic, and social areas; therefore

Resolved That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire strongly supports education, prevention and treatment programs that are affordable and accessible to all.



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**World Hunger**

Whereas, Hunger is a condition that continues to exist both domestically and internationally; and

Whereas, Hunger affects the quality of life of all by contributing to civil unrest, terrorism, crime, environmental degradation, mass migration of refugees, and a curtailment of world trade; and

Whereas, Hunger should be viewed as a problem that can be solved, instead of a tragedy that must be endured; and

Whereas, The immediate problems of hunger, malnutrition, and preventable disease must be dealt with, along with combating the chronic poverty and deprivation that is their cause; therefore

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire commends the worthwhile efforts of private organizations, governments, and the United Nations to end world hunger; further

**RESOLVED,** That the General Federation of Women's Clubs – New Hampshire advocates legislative initiatives that combine existing domestic and international assistance programs with the promotion of long-term self-sufficiency of low income people.