

LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

ADVANCEMENT PLAN

2024-2026 GFWC CLUB MANUAL

"EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE AND THE PASSION TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD." HARRIET TUBMAN

For more than 130 years, GFWC members have raised awareness of specific issues requiring attention at the national level through their advocacy efforts. GFWC members' advocacy efforts are practical, not political. GFWC members worked to pass laws affecting highway safety, juvenile justice, women's suffrage, the rights of the disabled, equal pay for women, and increased resources for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Our efforts can change lives! Our empathetic members use public advocacy to seek solutions to local, state, and national concerns. Our organization is strengthened by resolutions and advocacy, which make a difference.

During the 2024-2026 Administration, the Legislation/Public Policy Committee is guided by our theme, *Raise Our United Voices*. The goals of the Legislation/Public Policy Committee during this Administration include:

- Increasing advocacy through the Legislative Action Center.
- Educating members about GFWC's legislative priorities.
- Promoting Legislative Advocacy as the natural extension of our members' volunteer work for each of the Special Programs and all the Community Service Programs.
- Building relationships with the local, state, regional, and national decision-makers.
- Establishing the GFWC name as a brand that lawmakers and the community recognize.
- Mobilizing our members to raise a united voice to advocate for GFWC and its legislative priorities.



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