



# Adopted Resolutions

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*April 2, 2022*

## **RESOLUTION 1**

### **Expressing Support for Ukraine and Its People's Fight for Freedom**

WHEREAS, On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin authorized an unprovoked attack on Ukraine, with Russian forces striking some of Ukraine's major cities, including its capital city Kyiv with artillery and missiles;

WHEREAS, Russia's attack on Ukraine has resulted in the unnecessary loss of life, the destruction of property and infrastructure, and the displacement of millions of Ukrainian citizens;

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women stands with the people of Ukraine in their fight to defend their country from Russia's invasion;

WHEREAS, The United States and many other countries have imposed heavy economic sanctions on Russia, President Putin and certain Russian oligarchs; and

WHEREAS, American troops have deployed to European countries to support allied efforts to aid Ukraine and are potentially in harm's way;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, urges the United States government to offer humanitarian relief to the Ukrainian people;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women urges the United States government to continue to implement policies that will harshly punish the Russian government for its actions; and

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women supports American military members and their families who are being affected by the War in Ukraine.

*Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair*

## **RESOLUTION 2**

### **Calling for U.S. Energy Independence**

WHEREAS, When President Trump left office January 20, 2021, the United States was energy independent and was exporting oil to other countries;

WHEREAS, Joe Biden issued an executive order on his first day in office cancelling the construction of the Keystone Pipeline, which would have transported oil from Canada to refineries in Illinois and Texas, and to oil tank farms and an oil pipeline distribution center in Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, During his first year in office, Joe Biden halted new oil and gas leases on federal lands and waters, suspended oil and gas leases in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge and in New Mexico and suspended approval of new drilling permits;

WHEREAS, The White House has implemented new EPA rules that govern the oil industry that increase the cost of energy;

WHEREAS, Joe Biden unilaterally, without the approval of Congress, re-entered the Paris Climate Agreement, which results in new regulations on energy production;

WHEREAS, Joe Biden's Treasury Secretary has instructed banks not to finance new oil and gas exploration if they want to be able to access funds from the Federal Reserve Bank;

WHEREAS, These policies were driving up the cost of gasoline and fossil fuels before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the lack of new American energy production is only exacerbating the increase in gasoline prices at the pump caused by the Russian invasion;

WHEREAS, The solutions Joe Biden and his administration have suggested to ease the energy situation include using renewable energy sources that are unreliable for America's vast energy needs and unaffordable for most Americans; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the Ukrainian War Joe Biden is seeking to convince countries that are enemies of the United States, like Iran and Venezuela, to sell us more oil;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, strongly urges Joe Biden to immediately restart construction of the Keystone Pipeline;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women strongly urges Joe Biden to reopen federal lands to drilling and to remove all roadblocks for existing oil leases and permits; and

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women strongly opposes any agreements between the United States and our enemies that would enable those countries to provide us with energy.

*Submitted by the NFRW Legislation and Research Committee, Janet Freixas, Chair*

### **RESOLUTION 3**

#### **Supporting the Parents Bill of Rights Act**

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Julia Letlow of Louisiana has introduced H.R. 6056, the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which would codify the rights of parents;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights Act provides a summary notice of the rights of parents to information about their children's education and is built upon eight core rights that would apply to all schools in the nation that receive federal funding; and

WHEREAS, These core rights are 1) the right to review the curriculum of their child's school, 2) the right to know if the State alters academic standards, 3) the right to meet with each of their children's teachers not less than twice each school year, 4) the right to review the budget and all revenues and expenditures of their child's school and school district, 5) the right to see a list of the books and other reading materials contained in the library of their child's school, 6) the right to address the local school board, 7) the right to information about any violent activity in the child's school and 8) the right to information about any plans to eliminate gifted and talented programs in the child's school;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, supports the Parents Bill of Rights Act and urges Congress to pass H.R. 6056.

*Submitted by the NFRW Legislation and Research Committee, Janet Freixas, Chair*

#### **RESOLUTION 4**

##### **Supporting the "Keep Nine Amendment" to the United States Constitution**

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution does not provide specific instruction as to the number of justices that constitute the Supreme Court of the United States;

WHEREAS, For over 150 years, the Supreme Court has consisted of nine justices;

WHEREAS, During the nation's history, Congress has changed the number of justices, both increasing and decreasing the size of the court seven times prior to 1869 for the purpose of gaining political advantage;

WHEREAS, The practice of "packing the Court" for political advantage greatly decreases confidence that the Supreme Court exists as an essential element of America's system of checks and balances that guarantees and protects citizens' constitutional rights;

WHEREAS, A bipartisan group of former state attorneys general oppose “court packing” and initiated the effort to pass the “Keep Nine Amendment” which simply states, “The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices;”

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine Amendment” was introduced as Senate Joint Resolution 9 in the United States Senate on February 25, 2021, by Senator Ted Cruz, and has 20 cosponsors in the United States Senate;

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine Amendment” was introduced as House Joint Resolution 11 in the House of Representatives on January 4, 2021, and is cosponsored by 178 Representatives;

WHEREAS, Democrats have already filed bills in both houses of Congress that would add four justices to the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, Recent polls show that voters support a “Keep Nine Amendment” by almost a four to one margin, 51 percent of Democrat voters approve of it and 82 percent of Republican voters support it;

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee unanimously resolved to support the “Keep Nine Amendment” in January of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Members of the National Federation of Republican Women have already led the effort to pass the “Keep Nine Amendment;”

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, calls on Congress to pass the “Keep Nine Amendment” and send it to the states for ratification.

*Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair*

## **RESOLUTION 5**

### **Protecting Our Children From Pornography Implemented in Comprehensive Sexuality Education Programs Utilized in Public Schools**

WHEREAS, Adults have the fiduciary responsibility to protect our children from unwanted predatory behaviors and pornography;

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) programs are implemented throughout the public schools of the U.S.;

WHEREAS, CSE is part of the hard left's LGBTQ and porn industry's movement to exploit, normalize, and indoctrinate school children against predatory behavior, which includes pedophile and human/sex trafficking;

WHEREAS, Pornography is so prevalent that 16 states have declared pornography as a public health crisis;

WHEREAS, National organizations such as Protect Child Health Care, StopCSE (Comprehensive Sexuality Education), National Center on Sexuality Education, Fight the New Drug, and No Left Turn in Education are educators about (1) how easily accessible pornography is to children, (2) how children are groomed by pedophiles and sex/human traffickers, (3) the unhealthy ramifications of porn and (4) which organizations are enabling the porn industry;

WHEREAS, The new "classrooms" are the online databases used by school children throughout the U.S., and the databases (such as EBSCO, GALE, ProQuest, Explora, Academic OneFile, MAS Ultra and MasterFile) contain some form of "soft" or "hard" pornography;

WHEREAS, There are already federal laws protecting our children from online obscenity such as The Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"), Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (The RICO Act, which defines racketeering activity as dealing with

obscene matter), 18 U.S.C. §47 (prohibits the knowing of interstate transfer of obscene material to a minor), and 18 USC §2252C (prohibits the knowing of embedment of words or digital images into the source code of a website with the intent to deceive a minor into viewing harmful or obscene materials); and

WHEREAS, States are not abiding by the federal laws mentioned above, and the states continue to allow pornography in schools via the CSE programs and online databases utilized;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, believes that protecting our children from predatory behavior is a fiduciary responsibility;

RESOLVED, The National Federation of Republican Women believes that the Comprehensive Sexuality Education programs, because of the pornography introduced, have serious unhealthy consequences for our children; and

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women supports more effort be put into ensuring all schools and public libraries are abiding by the federal laws that forbid obscene material.

*Submitted by the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women, Donna Van Osdol, President*

## **RESOLUTION 6**

### **Supporting Truth in Women's Healthcare Public Policy**

WHEREAS, The abortion industry and their allies have failed to adequately provide women with full disclosure and informed consent of all risks and complications of the abortion procedures;

WHEREAS, Some research shows that abortion can increase a women's risk of premature births in subsequent pregnancies;

WHEREAS, Research exists that shows that women who have had abortions suffer psychological issues, including depression, anxiety, substance abuse, addictions, relationship struggles, and self-destructive and suicidal behaviors;

WHEREAS, There is also research that shows a correlation and potential causation between abortion and the risk of breast cancer;

WHEREAS, It is important that this research be included in an evaluation of the practice of abortion, and that such research be continued outside of political ideology;

WHEREAS, Women considering abortions are often unaware of the findings of the available research; and

WHEREAS, These potential consequences of abortions have a substantial fiscal impact on families, the nation's workforce and healthcare system;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, supports the funding of additional research that analyzes all of the effects of abortion on the physical and mental health of women, and supports the dissemination of all available information to women who are considering abortion.

*Submitted by the Oregon Federation of Republican Women, Christine Morgan, President*

## **RESOLUTION 7**

### **Recognizing the Honorable Winsome Earle-Sears**

WHEREAS, Winsome Earle-Sears was elected in November 2021 to be the 42nd Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, becoming the first woman ever to be Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, and the first Black woman ever elected to statewide office in Virginia;



WHEREAS, Winsome Sears immigrated to the United States at the age of six and became a naturalized United States citizen;

WHEREAS, Winsome Sears served in the United States Marine Corps as an electrician and built a successful business as a trained electrician;

WHEREAS, Winsome Sears is a proud wife, mother and businesswoman who also served her community by leading a men's prison ministry and was a director of a women's homeless shelter for the Salvation Army;

WHEREAS, Winsome Sears is the only Republican to win a majority Black legislative district since Reconstruction, and is the only Black Republican Woman elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, as well as the first female veteran and first legal immigrant woman elected to that body;

WHEREAS, Winsome Sears served as Vice President of the Virginia State Board of Education, and received presidential appointments to the United States Census Bureau and the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

WHEREAS, Winsome Sears is a proud and valued member of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, Winsome Sears has proudly lived and voiced Republican ideals throughout her career and is an inspiration to Republican Women everywhere;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, is honored by the presence of Winsome Earle-Sears in her role as keynote speaker for the 2022 NFRW Legislative Day and thanks her for her dedication to the National Federation.

*Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair*

## **RESOLUTION 8**

### **Recognizing the Honorable James Gilmore**

WHEREAS, James Stuart Gilmore, III, is an American politician, diplomat, statesman, former Governor and Attorney General of Virginia, and former Chair of the Republican National Committee;

WHEREAS, Jim Gilmore served in the U.S. Army in the Military Intelligence and received foreign language education at the Defense Language Institute in California;

WHEREAS, He then served as an Army Counterintelligence Agent;

WHEREAS, Jim Gilmore was elected Commonwealth Attorney in Henrico County and was re-elected in 1991;

WHEREAS, In 1993, he was elected Virginia's Attorney General;

WHEREAS, In 1997, Jim Gilmore was elected Governor of Virginia;

WHEREAS, Jim Gilmore served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee from January 2001 to January 2002;

WHEREAS, He was nominated by President Donald Trump to serve as the U.S. Representative to the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) at the rank of Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, Jim Gilmore has served as chairman of the National Council on Readiness & Preparedness and on the Board of the National Rifle Association;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, acknowledges that James Gilmore is known as one of the Republican Party's premier foreign policy minds, applauds his work and accomplishments, honors his principles and dedication to the Republican

Party and the United States of America, and thanks him for making this meeting a memorable and inspiring experience.

*Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair*

## **RESOLUTION 9**

### **In Appreciation of the Hilton Alexandria Old Town**

WHEREAS, The NFRW Spring Board Meeting and Legislative Day was held March 31-April 2, 2022, at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town;

WHEREAS, The beautiful Hilton Alexandria Old Town provided us with comfortable rooms and delicious meals, and made us feel welcome to the beautiful city of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, A multitude of hardworking and dedicated people came together to make this endeavor a big success;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting, April 1-2, 2022, in Alexandria, Virginia, extends a huge thank you to the city of Alexandria and to the Hilton Alexandria Old Town for making this meeting a memorable, educational, motivational, inspiring and fun event.

*Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair*