



Adopted Resolutions

October 1, 2023, 42nd Biennial
Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

RESOLUTION 1

Supporting the Parents Bill of Rights

WHEREAS, Parents are responsible for supporting their children, providing for their education, promoting their well-being, and securing a brighter future;

WHEREAS, H.R.5, a bill to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the national public schools (the Parents Bill of Rights Act), passed the House on March 24, 2023;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to know what is taught in schools, including reading materials;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to be heard;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to meet with their child's teachers not less than twice each school year;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to review school budgets and spending;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to protect their child's privacy;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents should be informed of any plans to eliminate gifted and talented programs in their child's school;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to be updated on any violent activity at school;

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to be informed if a school allows transgender students to participate in sports that do not match the gender a student was given at birth; and

WHEREAS, The Parents Bill of Rights requires that parents have the right to be informed by the schools if transgender students are allowed to use bathrooms that do not correspond with the gender a student was given at birth;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 30-October 1, 2023, strongly urges the U.S. Senate to vote on and pass this important piece of legislation; and

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women pronounces its unwavering support for H.R.5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act, and urges states to enact similar legislation.

Submitted by the North Carolina Federation of Republican Women; amended by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair

RESOLUTION 2

Condemning the Biden Administration's Border Policies that Enable the Sex Trafficking of Children

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is defined by the U.S. Department of Justice as “a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services, or to engage in commercial sex acts;”

WHEREAS, It is estimated that nearly 28 million individuals are trafficked globally at any given time, creating a global profit of \$150 billion each year;

WHEREAS, It is estimated that upwards of 72 percent of all human trafficking victims in the United States are immigrants, and many young girls are abducted by cartel members and smuggled across the border to perform sex acts under coercion for purchasers of illicit sex or for pornography;

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act in 2000 (and has reauthorized it five times since) which grants unaccompanied minors expedited processing and benefits, which actually provides the cartels with more incentives to kidnap children and facilitates these victims being smuggled into the United States, effectively giving a green light to traffickers;

WHEREAS, The Biden Administration has done much to incentivize illegal border crossings, but little to secure the border;

WHEREAS, The victims of the human trafficking rings are further victimized when their captors give them drugs so that they become addicted and desperate to do anything for their next dose;

WHEREAS, On May 31, 2023, the Biden Administration ceased doing DNA testing to determine if children being brought across the border were related to the adults bringing them across, when the testing was finding that up to 30 percent of the children coming across were not related to the adults accompanying them;

WHEREAS, Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Cassidy have introduced the End Child Trafficking Now Act that would require the Department of Homeland Security to resume DNA testing to determine which children were being trafficked; and

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women has historically worked on legislation to reduce human trafficking;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 30-October 1, 2023, urges Congress to quickly pass the End Child Trafficking Now Act;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women urges its members to continue to educate themselves about human trafficking that is equivalent to modern day slavery; and

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women urges its members to work with their state legislatures to increase penalties for human traffickers and provide more support for victims of this dreadful crime.

Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair

RESOLUTION 3

Supporting Efforts to Investigate and Prevent Abuse of Federal Governmental Powers

WHEREAS, Whistleblowers in the federal government have brought forth allegations of criminal activity by President Biden and members of his family, including potential bribery and money laundering;

WHEREAS, Additional potential crimes involving classified documents being in the possession of Joe Biden when he was in the Senate and when he was Vice President have surfaced;

WHEREAS, Federal agencies, including the IRS and FBI, appear to have actively covered up or failed to fully investigate and prosecute these allegations;

WHEREAS, The FBI and other federal agencies have colluded with social media companies to censor Americans' speech;

WHEREAS, The Justice Department has criminalized normal activities such as assembling to express political opinions and speaking at school board meetings in a way that chills freedoms of assembly and expression; and

WHEREAS, The American people have lost confidence in the American justice system, seeing that some people, including President Trump, have been targeted by their political rivals, while other individuals are not being held accountable in any serious way;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 30-October 1, 2023, commends and supports the Members of Congress, including Representatives James Comer, Jim Jordan and Jason Smith, and Senators Chuck Grassley and Ron Johnson, in the investigations being conducted on the activities of the FBI, Department of Justice and other agencies for potential abuses of power in matters concerning the Biden family, President Trump, and ordinary Americans; and

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women vehemently opposes any interference by federal agencies in Americans' First Amendment rights and applauds Senator Eric Schmitt and the other plaintiffs in the Missouri vs. Biden lawsuit seeking to stop the federal government from colluding with social media companies to censor Americans.

Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair

RESOLUTION 4

Affirming Support for the Keep Nine Amendment

WHEREAS, Left-leaning individuals are questioning the ethics and legitimacy of the Supreme Court in an effort to undermine the people's trust in the Court;

WHEREAS, Recent Supreme Court decisions have led to renewed calls from the left to add justices to the Court;

WHEREAS, Adding several justices all at one time to the Supreme Court would risk the independence of the Court and upset the checks and balances put in place by the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, Without a Constitutional amendment, Congress currently has the power to change the size of the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has been composed of nine justices for 154 years, since 1869;

WHEREAS, Representative Dusty Johnson and Senator Ted Cruz have introduced House Joint Resolution 8 and Senate Joint Resolution 21, the Keep Nine Amendment, which would set the number of Supreme Court justices at nine in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women, under President Eileen Sobjack and Immediate Past President Ann Schockett, have made the Keep Nine Amendment a top priority of the Federation;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 30-October 1, 2023, calls on each State Federation to continue to call on United States Senators and Representatives to co-sponsor the Keep Nine Amendment;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women holds all candidates for President, the United States Senate and the United States House accountable for their position on the Amendment; and

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women calls on State Legislatures to pass resolutions requesting that Congress pass the Keep Nine Amendment and send it to the States for ratification.

Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair

[RESOLUTION 5 – TABLED]

RESOLUTION 6

Courtesy Resolution Recognizing Those Who Helped Make the NFRW 42nd Biennial Convention a Success

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) Convention Committee, designated by President Eileen Sobjack and under the leadership of Coordinator and NFRW First Vice President Vanessa LaFranco along with the Oklahoma Federation of Republican Women under the leadership of President Lorie Legere, worked tirelessly and spent countless hours making sure the NFRW's 42nd Biennial Convention was an outstanding experience for members and guests;

WHEREAS, The NFRW staff coordinated an exceptionally memorable event with inspirational speakers, motivational workshops, seminars, and outstanding networking opportunities;

WHEREAS, The beautiful City of Oklahoma City graciously welcomed the 42nd Biennial Convention;

WHEREAS, The gorgeous Omni Oklahoma City Hotel and the Oklahoma City Convention Center provided us with comfortable accommodations, delicious meals and excellent meeting spaces; and

WHEREAS, A huge contingent of dedicated and hardworking people came together to make this biennial meeting a tremendous success;

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women, meeting at its 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 30-October 1, 2023, extends a huge and heartfelt thank you to the Republican Women of Oklahoma, President Eileen Sobjack, Convention Coordinator Vanessa LaFranco, the staff of NFRW, the City of Oklahoma City, the Omni Hotel, and the Oklahoma City Convention Center for making this convention an unforgettable, educational, motivational, inspiring and exciting event.

Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair

RESOLUTION 7

Courtesy Resolution Honoring Riley Gaines

WHEREAS, the scientific and cultural definitions of a man and woman have been universally accepted and unquestioned across time; and

WHEREAS, the biological sciences have found that every cell of the human body contains DNA, including only the XX chromosomes for women and XY chromosomes for men; and

WHEREAS, Title IX and other government policies were enacted in recognition of these physiological differences between the sexes to protect and promote women, those with XX chromosomes, in sports; and

WHEREAS, Title IX and similar policies are rendered meaningless when those with XY chromosomes compete in women's sports under the façade of being women, and therefore, eligible for Title IX protections; and

WHEREAS, women, especially our daughters, have a right to privacy and safety in restrooms, locker rooms, and shelters; and

WHEREAS, Riley Gaines has bravely fought to prevent biological men, masquerading as women, from competing against women in sports, and injuring women; and

WHEREAS, October 10 is symbolized by the Roman numerals "XX" – signifying what it means to be a woman, something innate in our very DNA and that Riley Gaines has designated October 10 as "Real Women's Day," therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the NFRW honors Riley Gaines for her courage and strength in standing up for women's rights; and be it finally

RESOLVED that the NFRW joins Riley Gaines in designating October 10, 2023, as "Real Women's Day."

Introduced from the Floor of the 42nd Biennial Convention by the NFRW Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 8

Courtesy Resolution Honoring Elizabeth "Grace" Jones

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Republican Women, the Texas Federation of Republican Women, and the great state of Texas lost a valued and beloved member Elizabeth "Grace" Jones on September 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Grace was a tireless conservative activist in the Republican party dedicated to her conservative values of life, family, and freedom by managing and volunteering on multiple campaigns on the local, state, and national level. Grace

served as outreach coordinator for Dinesh D’Souza’s Hillary’s America and in numerous roles in the Mighty American Strike Force in New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania and state captain for Louisiana and on the Mighty Texas Strike Force throughout the State of Texas and making two trips to Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Grace served as a valuable respected member of her local TFRW club where she lived including Midland County Republican Women where she served as membership chair, established Alice King Republican Women and currently was a member of Nueces County Republican Women and a member of the inaugural class of the “40 Under 40”; and

WHEREAS, Grace contributed significantly to TFRW by serving as a District Director, member of the Bylaws and Technology committee, and Secretary of the State board; and

WHEREAS, Grace was an active member of the Republican Party of Texas by serving as an elected member of the State Republican Executive Committee from Senate District 20 specifically serving on the State Convention and Rules Committee and served as a state delegate to the 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 State Republican Convention and Chaired the Senate District 20 Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Grace ran for County Commissioner in Midland County in 2016 was a member of the Midland Young Republicans and then became active in the Jim Wells County Republican party when moving to south Texas by becoming the Treasurer of the Jim Wells Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Grace the mother to four beautiful children and son in law who were the light of her life – Faith and her husband Wesley, Elijah, Hope and Noah who she proudly homeschooled and educated in Christian Conservative American principals by including them in campaign activities and the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Grace was a daughter of God with a deep faith for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and served as leadership in her church’s women’s bible study and training, youth department, and technology team and was willing to pray with anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, Grace had a remarkable ability to inspire and lead by example, and lived her life by the principles of kindness, compassion and service. She will be deeply missed, and her absence will leave a void that cannot be filled and whose memory will forever be cherished by those who loved her;

RESOLVED, The National Federation of Republican Women recognizes the significant contributions of Elizabeth “Grace” Jones to the Republican Party and the Federation and celebrates her legacy of advocacy for republican principles and extends its sincerest condolences to Texas Federation Sisters and to her family especially her four children.

Introduced from the Floor of the 42nd Biennial Convention by the NFRW Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 9

Affirming Both Its ‘Natural Born Female’ Membership Eligibility Requirement for Women Members and Its Long-standing ‘Natural Born Male’ Eligibility Requirement for Male Members

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) was founded in 1938 as a private, voluntary organization which has since incorporated;

WHEREAS, With tens of thousands of active members across the country, the NFRW is the largest grassroots Republican women’s organization in the nation;

WHEREAS, The NFRW mission is to “empower women from all backgrounds, to provide a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government and civic arenas and to increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government;”

WHEREAS, The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in Anita Noelle Green (“an openly transgender female”) v. Miss United States of America LLC, No. 21-3522882022, denied Green’s allegation that the Defendant Pageant’s “natural born female” eligibility requirement violates the Oregon Public Accommodations Act finding instead that because the Pageant expresses its message regarding being the “ideal woman” in part through whom it chooses as contestants, much as does the NFRW express its message regarding empowering women and providing a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government and civic arenas and to increase the effectiveness of women in good government;

WHEREAS, The 9th Circuit’s Miss United State of America LLC decision that the First Amendment affords the Pageant the ability to voice its message and to enforce its “natural born female” eligibility rule because forcing the Pageant to accept a transgender female as a participant would fundamentally alter the Pageant’s expressive message; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit’s decision allowing a “natural born female” eligibility requirement for participation in an organization whose construct and purposes closely mirror those of the NFRW, the NFRW points to an added fact that obviates claims that its “natural born female” eligibility requirement is an unlawful standard, that fact being that the NFRW does and has long offered associate membership to natural born males, or “men,” and so cannot be held to be engaging in any legally forbidden membership restrictive activity; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women at its 2023 Biennial Convention held September 30 through October 1, 2023, in the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Convention Center affirms its “natural born female” eligibility qualification for primary membership in addition to its long-standing associate membership eligibility qualification for “naturally born males.”

Introduced from the Floor of the 42nd Biennial Convention by the NFRW Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 10

In Support of Protecting Opportunities for Women and Girls in Athletics

WHEREAS, A recent (2022) study in the British Journal of Sports Medicine found that males maintain physical advantages in strength and heart and lung capacity years after transitioning;

WHEREAS, In many head to head competitions males dominate females;

WHEREAS, In basketball, for example, Darrel Griffith of the National Basketball Association (NBA) can jump 48 inches, whereas the highest jump from the Women’s NBA (WNBA) is by the female player Deanna Nolan, who can jump 34 inches;

WHEREAS, The strongest female deadlift belongs to Rhianon Lovelace at 600.8 pounds; the strongest male deadlift goes to Hafþór Júlíus Björnsson (the Mountain from Game of Thrones) at 1,104.5 pounds;

WHEREAS, The fastest 100m dash recorded by a male was by Usain Bolt at 9.58 seconds and the fastest female 100m dash was recorded at 10.49 seconds set by Florence Griffith-Joyner;

WHEREAS, there are numerous other examples of where biological males

outperform biological females;

WHEREAS, Women fought for many years for the passage and implementation of Title IX which guaranteed equal access for women's sports teams in middle, high and colleges;

WHEREAS, Opportunities for biological women to participate on athletic teams has been growing ever since the passage of Title IX;

WHEREAS, Female athletes, in middle school, high schools and colleges are being forced to use the same locker rooms and shower facilities as biological males which is demeaning, uncomfortable for them and potentially even dangerous; and

WHEREAS, The inclusion of biological males on female teams has robbed women of their opportunity to win due to physical advantages that males have.

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women meeting at its 42nd Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 30-October 1, 2023, affirms that athletes in middle school, high school and college should only participate on teams that align with their sex assigned at birth in order to protect their opportunities to participate and win and for their own safety.

Introduced from the Floor of the 42nd Biennial Convention by the NFRW Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 11

Courtesy Resolution Honoring National Federation of Republican Women 2022-2023 President Eileen Sobjack

WHEREAS, The State of Washington's Eileen Sobjack was elected President of the National Federation of Republican Women at its 41st Biennial Convention held in Orlando, Florida, making her the NFRW's 31st President since its inception in 1938;

WHEREAS, Eileen has been elected to every NFRW office except one: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary and Member at Large, spanning 12 years of service in executive leadership of the organization;

WHEREAS, Eileen is not only an NFRW Capitol Regent, but her outstanding leadership was also recognized in 2011 when, while serving as the President of the Washington State Federation, she was one of five State Federation Presidents to be nominated for the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award, which honors a State President

who provides extraordinary leadership, service, and inspiration to her State Federation and to the National Federation of Republican Women;

WHEREAS, As a young mother and partner in business with her husband, Eileen experienced firsthand the onerous burden of big government and thus began her commitment to assuring for those who will come after us, the freedom and liberty with which we have been entrusted;

WHEREAS, Eileen has served in many county Republican positions and as a member of her State Republican Executive Board, and was elected as one of her county's charter review commissioners winning the most votes in her district; beginning with election as a precinct committee officer since 1988 maintaining in her precinct the strong "Republican red" percentage of votes, all of which resulted in Eileen being named 2006 Republican of the Year;

WHEREAS, Eileen's commitment to our Constitution's principles continues as she manages campaigns, works in local, State, and national campaigns; makes calls, knocks on doors for candidates, provides food for volunteers and assists wherever there is a need; and

WHEREAS, The needs of neighbors and the community, in the life of this public servant, also benefit from her giving heart as she is a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary, has served as a trustee in her church, is a former public school teacher and private teaching consultant; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the National Federation of Republican Women meeting at its 2023 Biennial Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 30th through October 1, 2023 expresses its deepest gratitude to, and its greatest appreciation for, President Eileen Sobjack for her years of unwavering dedication to our organization, her unflinching service to our Republican Party, her continued example of care and giving to her community, and the gift of her inspiration having miraculously raised three children who, along with their spouses and nine children, are all Republicans.

Submitted by the NFRW Resolutions Committee, Linda Petrou, Chair