



## **RESOLUTION 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**, Congress can change the number of justices with a majority vote and the signature of the President;

**WHEREAS**, Since 1869, the Supreme Court has consisted of nine justices;

**WHEREAS**, The Founders in Article III of the Constitution set up the Supreme Court to be independent and not subject to the political winds;

**WHEREAS**, “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; and

**WHEREAS**, Bills were filed in the last Congress to add four justices to the Supreme Court;

**RESOLVED**, That the Washington Federation of Republican Women, at its Spring Board of Directors Meeting in Moses Lake, WA April 28 - 29, 2023, acknowledges with great appreciation the efforts and leadership of National President Eileen Sobjack and Immediate Past President Anne Schockett in the effort to pass the Amendment; and

**RESOLVED**, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Washington State Delegation of the United States Congress encouraging them to pass the “Keep Nine Amendment”.