

## **Resolution for A Call To Action for the 2016 Elections to Protect the Vote**

**Whereas** voter suppression and intimidation is in fact voter fraud, because it systematically destroys or dilutes the voting strength particularly among women, people of color, students, and the elderly; and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 ushered in a new era of hope, not only for African Americans but also for every citizen's confidence in free and fair elections;

**Whereas** many voters still face difficulties at the polls, from registering to casting a ballot to having their votes counted, particularly minorities, young, elderly, poor and disabled voters, as well as military members and veterans. In many parts of the country, voters are underserved by a lack of polling places, outdated voting machines, and unnecessarily complicated laws.

The National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW) will act and work to fulfill the promise of election reform, including fighting to end long lines at voting booths and ensuring that all registration materials, voting materials, polling places, and voting machines are truly accessible to seniors, Americans with disabilities, and citizens with limited English proficiency. We will ensure that absentee ballots are accessible and accurately counted; and

**Whereas** the top priorities between now and the November 2016 elections are registering voters, voter protection, and getting out the vote;

### **Therefore Be it Resolved That:**

The NFDW recognizes that the more people who vote, the more likely a Democratic president will be elected. Furthermore, when women vote - Democrats win.

The NFDW supports vigorous enforcement~~ment~~ of our voting rights laws instead of making them tools of partisan political agendas; we oppose laws that require identification in order to vote or register to vote, which create discriminatory barriers to the right to vote that disenfranchise many eligible voters; and we oppose tactics which purge eligible voters from voter rolls.

The NFDW calls on all members and member states to diligently register voters, protect the vote and the integrity of the Democratic process, and get out the vote in order to secure victory in November 2016.

Respectfully submitted by the Washington DC Federation of Democratic Women and the Legislative Committee of the National Federation of Democratic Women  
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