

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Proposed resolutions, sent by the membership by the approved date, were considered by the Resolutions Committee, Yvonne Pygatt, Chair. The Resolutions Committee submitted four resolutions to the NCCW Board. After discussion and some word changes, the Board approved the proposed resolutions at their June Board. The proposed resolutions were then reviewed by NCCW registered parliamentarian, Pat Reymann who suggested minor format changes for consistency. The final approved proposed resolutions are as written below:

SUICIDE AWARENESS

Purpose: To increase awareness of the factors surrounding suicide and how to address the issue.

Whereas, Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States and affects all people, regardless of age, gender socioeconomic status, nationality (National Institute for Mental Health, n.d. *Suicide in America, Frequently asked questions*: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/suicide-faq/index.shtml>); and

Whereas, Suicide awareness aims to help people find treatment that encourages them to discover healthier ways to cope.

Resolved, That NCCW members expand their knowledge of the risk factors, warning signs, and treatments available.

Resolved, That NCCW members publish the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number of 1-800-273-TALK (8255); and

Resolved, That members of NCCW unite in prayer to include our NCCW rosary for *Peace and Healing*, for those who have thoughts of suicide, for those who die by suicide, and for their survivors.

OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTING OUR NATION

Purpose: To increase awareness of the opioid overdose crisis affecting our nation, and to encourage prayer and action by the members of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) that will bring hope and healing to the Nation.

Whereas, Opioid overdose is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare.

Whereas, Our NCCW mission is to support, empower and educate all Catholic women, especially on issues affecting women and their families; and

Whereas, Our Catholic faith compels us to choose hope and action in the face of a crisis.

Resolved, That NCCW members and affiliates organize Masses and/or prayer services, and pray our NCCW prayers for those addicted and for the companions and caregivers of those addicted, with the intention of hope and healing for all women and their families affected by the opioid crises; and

Resolved, That NCCW members support co-operative government agencies, social services and nonprofit organizations that are already engaged in the struggle against opioid addiction.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Purpose: To create awareness that bullying and harassment are nationwide problems.

Whereas, Bullying is repeated aggressive behavior where one person or group of people in a position of power deliberately intimidates, abuses, or coerces an individual with the intention to hurt them physically or emotionally.

Whereas, Under Federal Civil Rights Laws, harassment is unwelcome conduct based on a protected class, (race, national origin, color, sex, age, disability, or religion) that is severe, pervasive, persistent, and creates a hostile environment; and

Whereas, The U.S. Government statistics show a rise in reported incidents of bullying and harassment, including cyber-bullying (www.stopbullying.gov).

Resolved, That NCCW members partner with organizations that work to identify and support children, youth and adults who are bullied.

Resolved, That NCCW members support policies and programs that address the prevention, intervention, and elimination of bullying and harassment, recognizing the dignity of each individual as a child of God; and

Resolved, That NCCW members support victims of bullying and harassment with prayer such as our NCCW rosary for *Peace and Healing* and with ministry and pray for those who bully and/or harass.

REUSE PRODUCTS AND REDUCE CONSUMPTION

Purpose: Reuse products and reduce consumption to bring joy to our lives.

Whereas, Pope Benedict XVI said, “We are all responsible for the protection and care of the environment. This responsibility knows no boundaries,” (Celebration of World Day of Peace, January 1, 2010).

Whereas, Haley Stewart in *The Grace of Enough* wrote, “We are designed to love truth, beauty, and goodness, which are attributes of God. Throwaway culture fights against this natural desire”; and

Whereas, In *Laudato Si* Pope Francis tells us, “When people become self-centered and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person’s heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume.” (204).

Resolved, That members of NCCW pray that everyone becomes more aware and informed of the beauty of nature, advocates for a healthy planet to leave for our children, and prays our NCCW *Prayer for Care of Creation*.

Resolved, That members of NCCW reuse items as much as possible, and invest in and use reusable items such as produce bags, canvas shopping bags, and metal utensils; and

Resolved, That members of NCCW be more aware of what is really necessary in their lives and focus on those items that bring joy to their lives, sharing with others in need.

Thank you for your careful attention so that you are prepared to vote on these at Convention where we shall adopt our final amendments to the bylaws and our new resolutions,

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