

## 2019 Resolutions

### 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 misuse 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 misuse 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 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.

### REUSE PRODUCTS AND REDUCE CONSUMPTION

Purpose: Reuse products and reduce consumption to care for God's Creation.

**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 future generations, 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; and

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