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Comments from Convention 2022 in New Orleans regarding Resolutions:

Since I became President, I've learned that one of the biggest misconceptions about GFWC is that we are nonpolitical. But the truth is that since 1890, the Federation has brought together women with diverse beliefs to work collectively on issues that primarily (but not exclusively) relate to women, children, and families. Some of that work includes advocating for legal protections and advancements, such as the recent Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022. So, it is correct to say we are bipartisan, but we are often involved in legislation and policy, particularly when it involves a bipartisan issue that falls within our scope of work.

The programs and projects outlined in the GFWC Club Manual correlate to the GFWC Resolutions, which identify our issues of common concern and the remedies that we have agreed upon, by vote at convention, to work on together.

If, however, a member or club does not agree with a viewpoint adopted at convention by GFWC members, they are not required to support a position that conflicts with their personal beliefs and can speak against it publicly as a club member, or even as a club, by noting they represent the "GFWC minority view."

Our country is currently divided on many important issues, so I hope you will help members understand that Unity in Diversity does not mean that we all think alike or believe the same things. It means that we come together, despite differences, to work on issues that we, collectively, agree must be addressed for the benefit of our society.

When considering GFWC Resolutions, it is important that we restrain from making assumptions about others, that we remain calm and remember the rules of debate, and that we are kind when opinions differ. We are all GFWC, working to improve the lives of others...not only those we know, but everyone; not only those like us, but everyone.

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