

## GFWC/CT Resolutions

What is a resolution?

- Resolutions are the documentation of GFWC/CT positions on issues of public policy – in general, issues that we believe should result in legislative action.
- Resolutions reflect the shared beliefs of our GFWC/CT membership.
- They provide the basis for advocacy on issues of importance at state or national levels.

### GFWC/CT Resolution History

October 2011 – Fall Conference

Proposed Resolution: Cross-Reporting of Child and Spousal Abuse and Animal Cruelty.

- Research shows there is a link between cases of animal cruelty and cases of spousal/child abuse. As well as an overlap nationally in emergency calls. Animal abuse has been recognized as an indicator of future violence by law enforcement. Only 3 states (Connecticut, West Virginia & Illinois) currently have laws mandating cross-reporting of animal abuse and spousal/child abuse.
- GFWC/CT encourages its members throughout the USA to contact state legislatures and urge them to enact legislation.
- Adopted by the membership 10/15/11 – forwarded to GFWC Resolutions Committee for consideration.

Proposed Resolution: Caylee's Law

- Lack of state/federal statutes that address the situation where a minor child's disappearance goes unreported for a lengthy period of time. As well as no requirement for local police to follow Connecticut State Police Policy, nor specific criteria for evaluating/responding to missing persons complaints.
- GFWC/CT requests the CT. General Assembly to amend Chapter 939 (Offenses against the Person) to include specific time parameters, that if not followed by a parent, guardian or caretaker of a minor child, certain penalties are enforced, which would include felony charges.
- GFWC/CT urges members to contact their state senators/representatives and encourage them to amend Chapter 939, along with urging the CT. General Assembly and Governor Malloy to establish guidelines for local police departments.
- Adopted by the membership 10/15/11 – forwarded to GFWC Resolutions Committee for consideration.

May 2011 – State Convention

Proposed Resolution: Cyber-bullying

- Studies show cyber-bullying affects adolescents/teens, causing untold stress and in some cases suicide. Psychological/emotional outcomes of cyber-bullying are similar to face-to-face bullying; however cyber-bullying can occur 24/7. CT State Law does not currently address this problem.
- GFWC/CT urges the CT State Legislature to amend Chapter 170 Sections 10-222d, 10-222g and 10-222h of the CT. General Statutes to (1) require school anti-bullying programs to specifically address cyber-bullying and (2) allow local/state police to intervene once cyber-bullying is reported. Along with encouraging the Governor and legislators to support legislation. GFWC/CT urges its members to contact state senators/representatives in support of this amendment.
- Adopted by the membership 5/14/11 – forwarded to GFWC Resolutions Committee for consideration.
- **Note: July 2011 – CT General Statutes now includes cyber-bullying in the amended law.**

Prior GFWC/CT Resolutions

2009 – Media Controls

2008 – Texting While Driving

2003 – Ban on Heavier (Tandem) Trucks

2002 – Humane Slaughter Act Enforcement

2001 – Ella T. Grasso Postage Stamp

Mandatory Helmet Law for Motorcycle Operators & Passengers

Ban on Hand-Held Cell Phones While Driving

1995 – Rosa Ponselle Postage Stamp

English as Official Language of the USA

English Language Requirement for USA Naturalization

All were adopted by the membership at a GFWC/CT State Board meeting and forwarded to GFWC Resolutions Committee for consideration.