These principles are fundamental beliefs of the National Council of Jewish Women. They are basic to and inherent in all specific resolutions.

PRINCIPLE 1
Individual liberties and rights guaranteed by the Constitution are keystones of a free and pluralistic society and must be protected and preserved.

PRINCIPLE 2
Religious liberty and the separation of religion and state are constitutional principles that must be protected and preserved in order to maintain our democratic society.

PRINCIPLE 3
Human rights and dignity are fundamental and must be guaranteed to all individuals.

PRINCIPLE 4
All individuals have the right to live in a peaceful world, free from violence and persecution.

PRINCIPLE 5
A democratic society must value and promote diversity, inclusion, mutual understanding, and respect for all.

PRINCIPLE 6
Equal rights and opportunities for all people must be guaranteed, and all forms of discrimination must be eliminated.

PRINCIPLE 7
Every individual has the right to bodily autonomy and privacy, free from governmental, political, and religious interference in all health care decisions.

PRINCIPLE 8
Social justice efforts must be informed and guided by the leadership and experiences of communities most impacted.

PRINCIPLE 9
The continuity of the Jewish people and its heritage, and respect for and among all Jews from every background and stream of Judaism, must be assured from generation to generation.

PRINCIPLE 10
The survival and security of the State of Israel and the establishment of a just and permanent peace are central to the Jewish people and vital to the interests of the United States.

PRINCIPLE 11
A democratic society must provide for the needs of those unable to provide for themselves.

PRINCIPLE 12
Mental and physical health, education, and human services must be affordable, appropriate, coordinated, comprehensive, accessible, inclusive, and sufficiently funded.

PRINCIPLE 13
An educated and informed public is fundamental to a democratic society.

PRINCIPLE 14
The protection, preservation, and restoration of the environment is vital to a sustainable future.

PRINCIPLE 15
A democratic society depends on the collective efforts of the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors and is strengthened by the commitment and contribution of volunteers.
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN WILL WORK ON BEHALF OF THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES:

- Advance the Well-being and Status of Women
- Advance the Well-being of Children and Families
- Enhance the Quality of Jewish Life
- Ensure and Advance Individual and Civil Rights
- Support a Secure Israel and the Well-being of All Its People

Within these priorities, the National Council of Jewish Women endorses and resolves to work for the following resolutions:

I. ADVANCE THE WELL-BEING AND STATUS OF WOMEN

1. We endorse and resolve to work for:
   - Quality public education for all, utilizing public funds for public schools only.
   - Comprehensive supports, opportunities, services, and policies that enable all children and youth to succeed in school.
   - Comprehensive, inclusive, medically accurate, and age-appropriate sexual health education, including healthy relationships and sexual violence prevention, in public schools.
   - Quality, comprehensive, affordable, affordable, and accessible child care, early childhood education (including universal pre-K and full-day kindergarten), and school-age programs.
   - Laws, policies, and employment practices that allow workers to meet both family and work responsibilities.
   - Laws, policies, and programs that provide a level of services that meet basic human needs.
   - Fair housing laws, policies, and programs that ensure fair pay, a living wage, and access to training and educational opportunities for all.
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   - Equity, fair, and affordable housing, quality housing.
   - Quality, comprehensive, confidential, appropriate, nondiscriminatory mental and physical health care coverage and services (including addiction) that are affordable and accessible for all.

II. ADVANCE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

1. We endorse and resolve to work for:
   - Laws, policies, programs, and services that protect every child and youth from all forms of abuse, exploitation, harassment, discrimination, and violence.
   - Comprehensive, affordable, accessible, appropriate, confidential, equitable, and quality health products and services, inclusive of family planning, reproductive, sexual, and maternal health.
   - Health services based on full and unbiased medically accurate information, supported by inclusionary and scientific research and funding.
   - Laws, policies, and programs that protect every person’s right to make decisions about whether to have or not have children and to birth, adopt, and/or parent with dignity.
   - Employment laws, policies, and practices that provide equal pay and benefits for work of comparable worth and equal opportunities for advancement.
   - Representation, participation, and involvement of women in all aspects of the democratic process.

III. ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF JEWISH LIFE

1. We endorse and resolve to work for:
   - The elimination of anti-Semitism.
   - Religious and cultural freedom for all Jews.
   - The advancement of religious pluralism through understanding, cooperation, and respect for and among all streams of Judaism in Israel and the Diaspora.
   - The acceptance, fair treatment, and participation of all Jews in all aspects of Jewish life regardless of individual identity, status, or belief.

IV. ENSURE AND ADVANCE INDIVIDUAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS

1. We endorse and resolve to work for:
   - The enactment, enforcement, and preservation of laws and regulations that protect civil rights and individual liberties for all.
   - The protection of every person’s right to reproductive choices, including safe and legal abortion, medically accurate information, access to contraception, and the elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive freedom.
   - The protection of every individual’s right to privacy.
   - The recognition and protection of all children and youth by the legal system and the provision for their due process rights.
   - Laws and policies that provide equal rights for all regardless of race, gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, immigration status, parenthood status, or medical condition.
   - The abolition of the death penalty.
   - The promotion of unbiased, historically factual, and scientifically accepted public information and the prevention and elimination of censorship in educational resources.

V. SUPPORT A SECURE ISRAEL AND THE WELL-BEING OF ALL ITS PEOPLE

1. We endorse and resolve to work for:
   - The enactment, enforcement, and preservation of laws and regulations that protect civil rights and individual liberties for all.
   - The protection of every person’s right to reproductive choices, including safe and legal abortion, medically accurate information, access to contraception, and the elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive freedom.
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   - The promotion of unbiased, historically factual, and scientifically accepted public information and the prevention and elimination of censorship in educational resources.

VI. PROMOTE PEACE AND SECURITY

1. The enactment, enforcement, and preservation of laws and regulations that protect civil rights and individual liberties for all.
2. The protection of every person’s right to reproductive choices, including safe and legal abortion, medically accurate information, access to contraception, and the elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive freedom.
3. The protection of every individual’s right to privacy.
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5. Laws and policies that provide equal rights for all regardless of race, gender, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, immigration status, parenthood status, or medical condition.
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