

Resolutions

2026–2029

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

PRINCIPLES

1. The protection of democracy in the United States is vital to the well-being of the nation and its citizens.
2. Individual liberties and rights guaranteed by the Constitution are keystones of a democratic, pluralistic society and must be protected and preserved.
3. Religious freedom and the separation of religion and state are constitutional principles that must be protected and preserved in order to maintain our democratic society.
4. Human rights and dignity are fundamental and must be guaranteed to all individuals.
5. All individuals have the right to live in a peaceful world, free from violence and persecution.
6. A democratic society must value and promote belonging, mutual understanding, and respect for all.
7. Equal rights and equitable opportunities for all people must be guaranteed.
8. The continuity of the Jewish people and its heritage must be ensured.
9. The survival and security of the State of Israel and the establishment of a just and permanent peace in the Middle East are imperative for the Jewish people.
10. Every individual has the right to bodily autonomy and privacy, free from governmental, political, and religious interference in all health care decisions.
11. Social justice efforts must be informed and guided by the leadership and experiences of communities most impacted.
12. A democratic society must provide support for individuals and communities in need.
13. Comprehensive mental and physical health, education, and human services must be accessible, equitable, and fully funded.
14. An educated and informed public is fundamental to a democratic society.
15. The protection, preservation, and restoration of the environment is vital to a sustainable future.
16. 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.

NCJW 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, National Council of Jewish Women endorses and resolves to work for the following Resolutions:

I. ADVANCE THE STATUS AND WELL-BEING OF WOMEN

I.1 Laws, policies, programs, and services that protect every woman from all forms of abuse, exploitation, harassment, discrimination, and violence.

I.2 Comprehensive, affordable, accessible, inclusive, confidential, equitable, and quality health services and products, including abortion, gender-affirming, reproductive, maternal, and sexual health care.

I.3 Health services based on complete, unbiased, medically accurate information, supported by inclusive and scientific research and funding.

I.4 Laws, policies, programs, and services that protect and support every person's right to make decisions about whether to become a parent, how to build their family, and to parent with dignity.

I.5 Laws, policies, and programs that provide equal pay and benefits for work of comparable worth and equitable opportunities for advancement.

I.6 Equitable representation and participation of women in all aspects of the democratic process.

II. ADVANCE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

II.1 Laws, policies, programs, and services that protect and promote the health, safety, and well-being of children, youth, and families.

II.2 Laws, policies, programs, and services that provide age-appropriate agency for every child and youth and protect from all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation, bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence.

II.3 Quality, fully funded public education for all utilizing public funds for public schools only.

II.4 School curriculum that is unbiased, historically factual, and scientifically accurate, and includes Holocaust and genocide education.

II.5 Laws, policies, programs, and services that enable all students to succeed and thrive in school.

II.6 Comprehensive, inclusive, medically accurate, and age-appropriate sexual health education in schools, including information about gender identity and sexual orientation, healthy relationships, and sexual violence prevention.

II.7 Quality, comprehensive, affordable, and accessible childcare, early childhood education (including universal pre-K and full-day kindergarten), and school-age programs.

II.8 The recognition of the unique needs of children and youth by providing for their special protection and age-appropriate programs and services within the legal system.

II.9 Laws, policies, and employment practices that enable workers to meet both family and work responsibilities.

II.10 Fiscal and tax laws, policies, programs, and services that empower all individuals and families to thrive.

II.11 Laws, policies, and programs that ensure fair pay, a living wage, and access to training and educational opportunities for all.

II.12 Fair housing laws, policies, programs, and services that promote equitable access to healthy, safe, affordable, quality housing.

II.13 Quality, comprehensive, confidential, appropriate, nondiscriminatory mental and physical health care coverage and services that are affordable and accessible for all.

II.14 Laws, policies, programs, and services that provide older adults with agency, address their needs, and protect them from all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation, bullying, discrimination, harassment, and violence.

II.15 Research and funding for advances in medicine, public health, safety, and violence prevention.

II.16 Laws, policies, and programs that regulate firearms and ammunition and ban assault and other military-style weapons and accessories.

II.17 Gun violence prevention and gun safety efforts that empower community leadership and address root causes of violence.

II.18 Consumer laws, policies, programs, and services that protect and enhance financial well-being, general welfare, and promote economic justice.

III. ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF JEWISH LIFE

III.1 The recognition and elimination of antisemitism, and opposition to its weaponization for political purposes.

III.2 Religious and cultural freedom for all Jews.

III.3 The advancement of religious pluralism through understanding, cooperation, and respect for and among all streams of Judaism in Israel and the Diaspora.

III.4 The acceptance, equitable treatment, and participation of all Jews in all aspects of Jewish life regardless of identity, status, or belief.

IV. ENSURE AND ADVANCE INDIVIDUAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS

IV.1 The enactment, enforcement, and preservation of laws, policies, regulations, programs, and services which protect individual and civil rights for all and eliminate systemic biases and discrimination.

IV.2 Laws, policies, programs, and services that advance equal rights, opportunity, and justice 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.

IV.3 The advancement of every person's right to reproductive freedom and the elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive health, rights, and justice.

IV.4 The protection of every individual's right to privacy.

IV.5 The protection of democracy, including constitutional checks and balances, and resistance to all anti-democratic movements.

IV.6 Laws, policies, and practices that ensure safe, easy, and equitable access to the ballot and eliminate obstacles to the electoral process so that every vote counts and can be verified.

IV.7 The promotion of unbiased, historically factual, and scientifically established public information and the prevention and elimination of censorship.

IV.8 Comprehensive immigration reform that includes humane and equitable immigration laws and fair and robust refugee and asylum policies and practices.

IV.9 A qualified, fair, independent, unbiased, and diverse judiciary with a commitment to the constitutional guarantee of equal justice for all.

IV.10 The enactment and enforcement of comprehensive, humane, and equitable criminal justice reform including the abolition of the death penalty.

IV.11 The elimination of all forms of human trafficking and the promotion of survivor-centered policies and services.

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

V.1 Policies and programs that promote a shared society within Israel and peaceful and productive relations between Israel and its neighbors.

V.2 A mutually agreed, secure, and just two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with the State of Israel, a democratic Jewish homeland, living side by side with a state of Palestine in safety, mutual respect, recognition, peace, and independence.

V.3 Diplomatic, economic, and defensive assistance to Israel by the United States.

V.4 Efforts that counter attempts to delegitimize Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state.

V.5 Justice and equity for all women in Israel and the advancement of their rights, status, and influence.

V.6 Policies, programs, and services that promote the well-being of all women, children, and families in Israel.

V.7 Policies and programs in Israel that promote pluralism, inclusion, and equity for all its people in all aspects of their life.

V.8 Policies and programs that ensure the State of Israel remains the homeland for the Jewish people of all denominations and ethnic identities.

Note: Since our founding, NCJW has advanced the cause of women's rights and equality. Honoring our history, we use the terms "women" and "woman" throughout the Resolutions. We recognize and appreciate that gender is expansive and language is often limiting. We are an inclusive home for advocates of all gender identities, whether as advocates or for whom we advocate.



National Council of Jewish Women is a 133-year-old Jewish feminist civil rights organization working for equity and justice for women, children, and families in the United States and Israel.

Through the efforts of our 250,000 grassroots advocates and 45 local sections, NCJW combines education, direct service, and advocacy to effect lasting social change at the local, state, and national levels.

We approach our work through the intersections of gender, economic, and racial justice to center those most impacted in a uniquely Jewish way.



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