

**National Federation of Democratic Women  
Resolution Supporting Increased Affordable Housing**

**WHEREAS**, the United States has a long legacy of providing affordable housing choice to low income tenants who seek assistance, fairness and equal opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the elderly, homeless veterans, working poor, and people with disabilities deserve economic relief from escalating housing costs, fairness in housing cost assessments, and paralleling of housing to actual household income; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 250,000 LGBTQ undocumented immigrants in the United States, who are at increased risk of abuse and mistreatment when placed in immigration detention; and

**WHEREAS**, various programs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development help to subsidize housing for more than 4,000,000 low-income families, including the Public Housing program, the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) program, the Section 8 Project Based Rental Assistance program, the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program, the Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program, and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program; and

**WHEREAS**, a shortage of affordable housing exists in every state and major metropolitan area; and homelessness has become so pervasive that some states and cities have declared that homelessness has reached a state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, rapidly rising rents across the country have pushed many long-time residents and families out of the communities they call home; and HUD Secretary Ben Carson under President Donald Trump proposes HUD-assisted households contribute 35-50 percent of their adjusted income toward rent.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Federation of Democratic Women supports affordable, averse risk, and decent homes for all American citizens.

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