

**National Federation of Democratic Women**  
**Resolution on Election of the President by National Popular Vote**

**WHEREAS**, presidential electors are selected as directed by their legislatures according to the U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 1, Clause 2, and in 48 of 50 states vote for the candidate who receives the most popular votes in their state; and

**WHEREAS**, presidential campaigning in 2016 was done primarily in thirteen swing states, where either major party candidate had a good chance of winning the electoral votes; and voters in small states, which have fewer electoral votes, and those in safe states, dominated by one party, often received little attention from presidential candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, a national popular vote will ensure that every vote counts, and would be implemented when legislatures, in states that together possess a majority of 270 or more electoral votes out of 538 nationwide, pass and their governors approve, an interstate compact bill proposed by National Popular Vote Inc., <[www.nationalpopularvote.com](http://www.nationalpopularvote.com)>, to require that their presidential electors vote for the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Federation of Democratic Women, Inc., at its 2018 Annual Convention, supports a nationwide presidential popular vote, and recommends that its affiliated state organizations ask their legislatures, if they have not yet passed the interstate compact bill, to approve, along with their governors, the “Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by Nationwide Popular Vote,” enacted by California (2011), District of Columbia (2010), Hawaii (2008), Illinois (2008), Maryland (2007), Massachusetts (2010), New Jersey (2008), New York (2016), Rhode Island (2013), Vermont (2011), and Washington (2009), and Connecticut (2018), and passed by legislative chambers in twelve other states.