

Reaffirmation of the  
National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution  
Advocating for the Statehood of Puerto Rico



**WHEREAS**, in November 2012, a referendum or plebiscite was celebrated in Puerto Rico and 64% voted in favor of statehood for Puerto Rico against other formulas, like independence enhanced Commonwealth and others. Thus, the people of Puerto Rico made it clear that the political status of their choice is statehood. For the first time in 500 years, since the discovery of Puerto Rico by Spain and more than 100 years, since the United States made Puerto Rico a territory of the United States, statehood has been chosen as the permanent status; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2017, the Puerto Ricans voted again in favor of statehood by more than 90% of the voters who participated in the event. Additionally, in July 2017, the people of Puerto Rico, also, in a direct referendum rather than in a Constitutional Assembly, resulting in 95% in favor of statehood; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2020, the voters of Puerto Rico again voted in favor of Statehood for Puerto Rico by 52% of the voters in the General Election.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW) requests Congress honor the wishes decided in a direct vote by the Puerto Ricans in favor of statehood. **BE IT FURTHER REOLVED** that NFDW asks the U.S. Congress to put into effect immediately the process for passing such legislation, following the democratic principles of our great nation, the United States of America.

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Recommended by the Resolutions Committee. Adoption at National Convention on June 11, 2022.