

**National Federation of Democratic Women**  
**Resolution Commending the Carter Center's Work**  
**To Prevent Guinea Worm Disease**

**WHEREAS**, The Carter Center is a leader in the eradication and elimination of diseases, including Guinea worm, river blindness, trachoma, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, and malaria; and their work is conducted by using health education and simple, low-cost methods in partnership with the ministries of health and local communities, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, UNICEF and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guinea worm disease is a horrific, debilitating, and painful disease that is contracted by drinking stagnant water, and there were 3.5 million persons afflicted with Guinea worm disease when The Carter Center made eradicating this disease a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guinea worm disease is set to become the second human disease in history, after smallpox, to be eradicated, and it will be the first parasitic disease to be eradicated and the first disease to be eradicated without the use of a vaccine;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the National Federation of Democratic Women commends the phenomenal work executed by The Carter Center that is leading to the eradication of Guinea worm.

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